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Anger mounts in car parking row

BY JORDAN DAY

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COUNCILLORS have been slammed as "playground bullies" after "ignoring" a 12,000-signature strong petition against parking charges in Ely.

A total of 12,101 people signed the campaign, launched by the Ely Traders' Association (ETA) – but 4,000 of those signatures will no longer count.

At East Cambridgeshire District Council's full council meeting last Thursday, it was confirmed that only 8,054 signatures will be verified by the authority.

Legal bosses say that 2,157 signatures cannot count as they are from people living outside East Cambs and that a further 1,889 signatures were from people who did not provide their address.

In a letter to the ETA, Jeanette Thompson, the council's head of legal and democratic services, said: "The council's petitions scheme is the model scheme drafted by central Government and adopted by most councils nationally.

"This specifically refers to petitions being signed by a 'local person' who lives, works or studies in the district."

Andrew Olley, a spokesman for the ETA, formally presented the petition to councillors at the meeting.

Council leader, Peter Moakes, then proposed a motion to send the petition to the council's development and transport sub-committee, a committee which he chairs and which will next meet on March 6.

Mr Olley said: "The Conservatives showed no appetite to even listen to the arguments or debate them.

"It is scandalous to think that there are councillors representing the people of East Cambs and that they can ignore their community so disgracefully.

"Their actions at this meeting were not the actions of responsible individuals. They resembled more the operations of a gang of playground bullies."

At the meeting, Lib Dems pleaded for parking charges not be introduced, insisting that now was the "wrong time".

Cllr Ian Allen, leader of the party, said: "This petition is an amazing demonstration of public opinion. The response was huge and it shows genuine public concern. Now is the completely wrong time to introduce charges.

The ETA and residents insist forcing people to pay to park will kill city centre trade and lure more people to the out-of-town supermarkets.

Cllr Moakes said: "Throughout this whole process we have made it perfectly clear what the timetable for the decision making process was.

"It should be remembered that it was the previous council that took the decision to bring in charges – the present discussion has always focused on which model would be used for the implementation of car park charging.

"Due to the size of the petition, the ETA were informed they could present it to full council but a final decision on charging methods was never going to be taken at that meeting.

"The issue was always going to be debated at development and transport committee in March where the results of the public consultation would be revealed."

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Bonfires cause building blaze

A FIRE in a derelict building is believed to have started after spreading from two nearby bonfires.

Fire crews from Soham and Ely were called to the blaze at a derelict building in Long Dolver Drove, Soham, on Sunday.

The inferno broke out at around 11am, measured around 5m by 10m and was extinguished using hose reel jets

Fire crews left the scene at 1.25pm.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The cause of the fire was accidental and is believed to have spread from two nearby bonfires."

Talk to focus on alien lifeforms

INTELLIGENT Life in the Universe is the title of the Ely Astronomy Club's next meeting.

Peter Howell will be leading the talk at Ely Museum tomorrow.

It starts at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

Call Mike Stephens on (01353) 669278 for more information.

Jumble to raise Red Cross cash

A JUMBLE sale will be raising money for the British Red Cross on Saturday.

The event will be held at the Ely Centre in West Fen Road, Ely, from 10am onwards.

Celebration after church wins £187k lottery grant

Restoration: St George's Parish Church in Littleport and, inset right, a close-up of damage to the stone work.

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MORE than £180,000 worth of funding has been awarded to help restore a weather-beaten church tower.

St George's Parish Church in Littleport has secured a grant of £187,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The money will be used to repair the church's tower, which dates back to the 15th century and is in desperate need of repair.

The Rev Rosemary Maskell, the vicar of Littleport, said "We are delighted to receive this generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

"It has enabled us to commence important work that will help us ensure this parish church remains as a place of worship for generations to come.

"The tower is the oldest part of the church and dates back to the 15th century.

"Over the years the weather has taken its toll on the external stone walls and, despite an attempt to rectify its decline when a concrete render was applied over 50 years ago, it is now in a serious state.

Water, frost and wind have caused the render to fall away and the weather is now eating away at the exposed stone and original mortar joints."

It is estimated that the restoration work will cost around £250,000 in total and the church still needs to raise around £30,000.

Fundraising events are being planned although if any residents, businesses or organisations can help they are being urged to contact the church.

For more information, call churchwarden Richard Creak on (01353) 860355.

Man in 107mph car chase is sent to jail

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A SPEEDING driver who led police on a 100mph-plus car chase through Soham has been sent to prison.

Leroy Parker, 22, formerly of Cooper's Close, Stetchworth, pleaded guilty to a string of offences, including sexual assault, all committed at the end of last year. He was jailed for a total of 67 weeks and banned from driving.

Parker, now of no fixed address, was told by Recorder Mark Ockelton at Cambridge Crown Court that he had driven very dangerously on two occasions.

The court heard that Parker claimed he was "unpopular in the Stetchworth area" and that residents had lied to police about what they had seen him do.

Parker pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking, dangerous driving, driving while disqualified, failing to stop and having no insurance on November 2 last year in Soham.

He also admitted a second offence of aggravated vehicle taking, driving while disqualified, no insurance, possessing cannabis, obstructing a Pc, failing to provide a breath specimen, and sexual assault on December 28 last year in the Stetchworth area.

He was jailed for a total of 16 months, plus a further three weeks for being in breach of a suspended sentence. In addition he was disqualified from driving for two years.

Prosecutor Jonathan Seely said on November 2 police saw Parker in a Citroen Saxo on the A142 at the Angel Drove-Station Road roundabout in Ely.

Officers followed him on the A142 towards Soham with their sirens and flashing lights on but he failed to stop. He accelerated up to 107mph.

Mr Seely said that he did two laps of the town at a speed of 78mph in a 30mph limit. In Garden Road the car struck a kerb which caused the wheel and suspension to collapse and Parker and another man inside ran off. Parker was caught nearby, but not the second man.

The prosecution said that on December 28 Parker again took someone else's vehicle without their consent and damaged it on a kerb.

When police caught up with him later he gave a false name, but was arrested for drink-driving and had to be restrained. At the police station he refused to give a sample of breath. He was also arrested for a sexual assault.

Mitigating, Unyime Davies said Parker was remorseful and fully accepted that "driving is his demon he doesn't appear to be able to get away from".

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Parish in bid to build cemetery

PLANS to build a new cemetery in Littleport have taken a major step forward.

Littleport Parish Council has now applied for planning permission to build a new cemetery on a parcel of land north east of 46A, Camel Road, Horsley Hale.

The proposals, which have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council, also include providing a new community allotment at the site.

Cllr Fred Brown, vice-chairman of the parish council, said the new cemetery is expected to provide enough burial space to last around 20 years.

He said: "Our existing cemetery is expected to run out of burial space by 2015 so building another cemetery is something we have been looking at for some time.

"We believe this site is ideal and the Environment Agency have visited it and confirmed it is suitable. It is all about planning ahead. 2015 may seem like a long way off but it will be here before we know it.

"The new cemetery would provide enough burial space to last around 20 years and with Littleport set to grow considerably over the coming years, we desperately need that space.

"The land is agricultural land so we would need to buy it and provide electricity and water sources there before any work could start. We also want to build allotments there.

"There is currently a waiting list for allotments in Littleport, so we expect them to be snapped up quickly. We expect them to be up and running in 2014/15 if the plans are approved."

A decision could be made by the district council within the next eight weeks. To view the plans, go to *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Suspect package sparks evacuation

A "SUSPICIOUS package" prompted a bomb scare in Ely on Tuesday – but turned out to be a hoax.

Staff and officers at Ely police station in Nutholt Lane were forced to evacuate the building at around 10am.

A member of public handed the package in to the city's Oxfam shop in the High Street.

Worried about what was inside, a member of staff then took it to the police station.

The station was evacuated and cordoned off while explosive experts analysed the package.

A police investigation has now been launched.

Paralympic torch heading for city

EAST Cambridgeshire may have missed out when it comes to the Olympic Torch – but the Paralympic Torch will be carried through Ely this summer.

On Wednesday, the London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) announced areas across the UK which will hold celebrations as part of the Paralympic Torch Relay.

The torch will be received in Ely at a ceremony on Ely's Riverside, which will be followed by an evening of entertainment on Palace Green.

The celebrations will be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Cllr Martin Curtis, who leads on the Olympics at Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "It is fantastic news."

Big day: Karen Faulkner, 44, who is technically 11 as her birthday falls on a leap year. Picture: Richard Patterson 804185.

Birthday date without many returns

THE chances of being born in a leap year are slim.

So slim in fact that there are only 4.1 million people in the world estimated to currently be leapers.

But one of those people is Karen Faulkner, from Ely, who might be 44 but in fact only turned 11 on Wednesday.

Mrs Faulkner, of Walsingham Way, said: "I love that I have just turned 11. I get a few funny looks when my husband tells people 'my wife is only 11' – it scares them just a little until they see me, of course. "It's also very funny because my son and I turned ten in the same year - except of course I was actually 40.

"I guess I am getting ready to go to big school now."

Mrs Faulkner added: "If I live until I am 84-years-old I shall definitely consider having another 21 birthday party– wouldn't that be fun?"

But it is Jorge Palmeiro, who studies business at Cambridge Regional College, who takes the crown for being the youngest in his class at just 5-years-old.

The 20-year-old, who is originally from Portugal, moved to Ely with his family in 2008 to study business at CRC and will be making this year "extra special".

The Debden Green resident said: "I like being born in a leap year – it is amazing. On every other year I celebrate on February 28 but this year will be great because it is only the fifth time that I have been able to celebrate my birthday properly.

"I'm going to party with my friends and family and take advantage of it being an extra special birthday – just for me."

Inquiry begins after rail crossing collision

A COUPLE were taken to hospital after their car was hit by a train at a level crossing.

The vehicle was hit at the Victoria Street level crossing in Littleport at 8.03am on Saturday.

The man remains in a stable condition at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, while his wife has now been discharged.

The train involved was the 6.45am First Capital Connect service from London to King's Lynn.

The crossing was closed and trains were suspended between Downham Market and Ely for more than three hours before the line re-opened at 11.15am.

Passengers used a bus replacement service between Downham Market and Ely.

Paramedics from the East of England Ambulance Service treated the train driver for shock at the scene.

A Network Rail spokesman said the driver reported that there had been a collision involving a car at the crossing.

He said: "The train was not derailed and no passengers were injured.

"The equipment on the crossing was checked and found to be in full working order before the line re-opened at 11.15am."

British Transport Police and the Rail Accident Investigation Branch are now investigating the crash.

The collision comes after an elderly couple were injured when their camper van collided at a nearby level crossing in Littleport last summer.

Paramedics and fire-fighters took two hours to free the couple from the van after the collision, which happened where the line crosses the busy A10.

Film fans set for super show

A TREAT for film fans is in the offing. A 'Super Retro film night' is being held at The Prince Albert pub in Silver Street, Ely, on Sunday.

Running from 7 to 9pm, a variety of retro cine films will be screened in vintage super 8.

Popcorn and real ales will also be available at the bar. Admission is free.

For more information, email *chris@cambridge-super8.org.*

Funds slashed for key buses

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A COMMUNITY bus service which provides a lifeline for some of East Cambridgeshire's most vulnerable residents has lost its entire district council funding for the second year running.

Bosses at Ely Soham Dial-a-Ride fear the charity will have to make "major cuts" to its services, which in turn would leave elderly, frail, disabled and vulnerable residents across the Ely area isolated.

It comes after Conservatives at East Cambridgeshire District Council voted to axe the charity's annual grant of £16,800 for 2012/13.

Liberal Democrats pleaded for the authority to hand out £10,000 from the council's 'surplus savings reserve', which would have left the authority with savings of £167,957.

But council chiefs insisted the council could not afford to – and that Dial-a-Ride should be funded by Cambridgeshire County Council instead.

Furious: Liberal Democrat Ian Allen.

Last year, when the district council also axed the charity's grant, the county council came forward with £12,000 worth of funding, enabling Dial-a-Ride to continue with its services.

But Fred Langford, the charity's general manager, says the county council has already confirmed that it cannot afford to do the same this year.

He said: "We're obviously gutted and extremely worried about Dial-a-Ride's future.

"Our grant from the district council is the largest chunk of funding we receive and to have that removed is going to have a huge impact.

"We're going to really struggle and I think we're going to have to make major cuts.

"We currently have 660 users in East Cambridgeshire, the vast majority of whom are elderly, frail, disabled and living in remote, rural areas where public transport is poor.

"The council should be supporting services like this, not going against them."

Mr Langford said the charity would be holding a meeting on Wednesday to discuss what the future holds.

Cllr Ian Allen, leader of the East Cambridgeshire Lib Dems is furious.

He said: "Dial-a-Ride provides valuable transport for the most vulnerable people in our society and features prominently in the council's community strategy, yet has had all its funding removed.

"The charity now gets more money from parish councils, many of which give small grants of a few hundred pounds, than they do from the district council.

"The Tories have targeted some of the most vulnerable members of our community."

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire County Council declined to comment.

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CCTV bid to beat criminals

BOSSES at the King's School Ely want to install CCTV cameras at The Old Bishop's Palace.

Mark Hart, the school's director of operations, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for permission to install seven CCTV cameras at the palace.

It comes just weeks after thieves stripped thousands of pounds worth of lead from the Grade I listed building, on Palace Green.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the palace, which is currently being refurbished by the King's School, has been targeted by metal thieves twice in 12 months and the recent raid saw approximately £15,000 worth of lead being stolen.

In their application, the school said: "This application is for the addition of seven CCTV cameras to various areas of the Old Bishop's Palace.

"Following two recent lead thefts it is felt that these cameras are necessary to deter and catch the criminals responsible in order to protect the building.

"The cameras are to be black to avoid a visual clash with the red brick.

"The proposals should facilitate the future protection and maintenance of the building in order to better preserve it for future generations."

The district council will decide whether the cameras can be installed.

The future starts here: Ian Trafford, education officer children and young people services, left, with architect Duncan Bright from Pick Everard. Picture: Keith Heppell 807319.

School plans go on public show

PLANS to build a new primary school in Soham went on show to the public last Thursday.

A public exhibition was held at The Pavilion to enable people to cast their eye over the plans and air their views.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, education chiefs at Cambridgeshire County Council want to open a primary school in the north of Soham for the start of the academic year 2013.

The school will increase the town's primary schools to three and will provide places for the ever-increasing number of primary school children – something which is set to get worse when major new housing developments in the town are complete.

The council says the school would be built in two phases – each phase providing a total of 210 places for pupils aged 4-11.

The school would also boast a two-room pre-school facility for children aged 2-4.

A formal planning application is due to be submitted some time this month.

Once the application has been submitted, further public consultation will be held.

For more information, contact Ian Trafford by calling (01223) 699803 or email *ian.trafford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.*

Woman dies after accident

A 71-YEAR-OLD woman has died after being involved in a crash on the A142.

Gillian Read, of The Green, Wardy Hill, near Ely, was a passenger in a silver Peugeot 206 when it was involved in a collision with a van at Witcham Toll.

The crash happened at around 7.35am on February 14.

Mrs Read was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, but died from her injuries last Thursday.

The driver of the Peugeot, a 72-year-old man who is believed to be Mrs Read's husband, also suffered serious injuries in the collision.

The driver of the van, a white Toyota Hiace, was treated for minor injuries.

Police are urging anyone who witnessed the accident, or anyone with any information, to contact them.

Pc Theron Pearman, investigating, said: "I would appeal to anyone who saw the collision, or either vehicle prior to it, to call police."

Anyone with any information should call Pc Pearman on 101.

Store looks to expansion bid

Supermarket wants to build community rooms

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A SUPERMARKET in Soham is one step closer to being expanded.

Jonathan James, owner of James Graven's Budgens store, in Clay Street, has now applied for formal planning permission to expand the store by 50 per cent.

Last year, Mr James announced he was planning to expand the store and a public consultation has since been carried out, enabling residents to have their say.

The expansion will not only enable the store to increase its range of products but Mr James also wants to build a new mezzanine floor and community function rooms.

The proposals, which have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council, include making alterations to the store's car park and landscapes.

Mr James said: "The key message which came from the consultation was that people passionately wish to enhance Soham.

"Our store is well placed to provide a combination of grocery shopping and car parking thus enabling shoppers to make full use of the wonderful facilities the town has to offer.

"Our plans are to increase the size of the building by approx 5,000 square feet thus allowing us to increase the offer inside the store.

"However, this will be no ordinary shop. We plan to have community rooms, as well as extending the existing police office.

"This is an extremely exciting project which represents a very significant investment but one that we very much believe is in tune with the desires of local people."

The application comes just weeks after it was announced a new supermarket and petrol station could be built in The Shade area of Soham.

Major firm Harrier Developments Ltd has announced plans to develop a 'Northern Gateway', which includes building a new supermarket, a petrol station, a new recreational open space and play area.

The new supermarket alone is expected to provide up to 200 new jobs for local people and plans are expected to be submitted soon.

To view the Budgens expansion plans, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk.*

Application to change use of land

A SHOWMAN'S yard in Soham could soon be extended.

Bradley Thurston, of Long Dolver Drove, has applied for planning permission to change the use of land at Dolver Farm to extend the existing yard.

Numerous planning applications concerning the site have been submitted in the past.

In January last year, East Cambridgeshire District Council received plans to use part of the showman's yard for the storage of HGVs, trailers and box vans. That application was withdrawn.

In August 2008, the council received plans for a change at the farm to permanent residential use by Mr and Mrs Thurston. That was also withdrawn.

A decision on the new proposals lies with the district council.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk.*

Witness plea after arson

POLICE are appealing for information following an arson attack in Haddenham.

The blaze happened at a home in West End at around 9.35pm last Friday.

One fire crew from Ely and another crew from Cottenham arrived at the property to find a cylinder had been set alight at the side of the house.

Two hose reel jets were used to extinguish the flames, which were started deliberately.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Pampering for pounds

AN indulgence evening is being held in Ely to raise money for the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund.

The event will take place at Deans Club, in Newnham Street, on Wednesday, March 7 at 7.30pm.

The evening is being supported by Enhance Dental and Facial Practice and there will be a variety of treatments on the night.

Tickets are £10 each and available by calling (01353) 653815.

Alternatively, visit Deans, Burrows Bookshop or Enhance.

Man in bid for bungalow

A BUNGALOW could be built in Sutton.

Mr I Kingsley, of Godwin Way, Cambridge, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build a detached bungalow on land at the rear of 22, High Street.

A decision could be made within the next eight weeks.

To have your say, go to *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Barn focus of renovation

A BARN in Wicken could soon be given a new lease of life.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has received a planning application for Field Farm Barn, in Upware Road, to be renovated and extended.

The applicant is Alan Young, of The Grove, Stretham, and a decision could be made within the next eight weeks.

To view the plans, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk.*

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Council nods through 2.95% tax increase

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COUNCIL tax will rise by almost 3 per cent in East Cambridgeshire after the Government's offer of a council tax freeze grant was rejected.

East Cambridgeshire District Council, as all authorities were, was offered cash from central government to prevent it from having to hike council tax.

Lib Dems and Independent councillors urged the authority to accept the grant but Conservatives voted against it after hearing from Linda Grinnell, head of finance, that it would leave "holes" in the budget in years to come.

As a result, council tax will be increased by 2.95 per cent – the equivalent of an increase of 7.6p per week for the average band D property, or £3.99 per year.

Despite the rise, the authority insists no further jobs are at risk, no further community grants will be cut and that no services will be axed.

Council bosses say they are on track to meeting the £2.6 million savings needed by 2015 – and that the council tax rise will be used to support housing and waste services in particular.

Cllr Peter Moakes, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "The aim with this year's budget is to ensure the council is ready to meet the challenges of the future.

"For example, the housing team are set to face real challenges over the next couple of years as we predict the number of people coming to us for help will grow as financial hardships bite.

"Also we are reviewing the waste and recycling service ahead of a new contract to ensure we improve recycling, reduce waste going to landfill, increase public satisfaction and ensure we can comply with the requirements of the Waste Framework Directive.

"This will cost more money than our present contract but if things are to improve for our residents we need to prepare now to avoid financial problems in the future. While, of course, we would have preferred to have frozen our council tax and accepted the one off offer of funding from the government – we feared doing so would leave a hole in a budget in future years."

Tough years: Cllr Peter Moakes.

Over the last 12 months, the council has made eight staff redundant, reorganised committees, increased planning application and licence fees and cut numerous services in order to reduce costs.

Cllr Moakes said: "It has been a very tough three years but the authority's finances are now far more robust. We are now in a much better place to cope with the demands of the services which our residents need."

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School in frame for film award

A PRIMARY school's film club is in the running to scoop a prestigious award.

The film club at Littleport Community Primary School has reached the finals of the FILMCLUB of the Year 2012 awards.

The school is in the final three and is up against two secondary school film clubs.

Students attend the club after school every Wednesday and during their lunch breaks.

Adam Rivett, who leads the club and is head of the school's Key Stage One, said: "The club has been running for around three years now.

"The pupils love it. They get to watch DVDs, review them and even act out their own scenes.

"Not only is it fun but it also helps with their literacy too. We feel really proud to have reached the finals and fingers crossed we could win."

Mr Rivett and the film club students will find out whether they won at a glitzy awards ceremony at the British Film Institute in London on Monday, March 5.

Lights, camera, popcorn: film club members Hannah Croucher, Charlie Fosh and Jaden Coe.

Picture: Keith Heppell 808031.

Choirs to unite for cathedral date

Choral venue: the city's historic cathedral.

A SPINE-tingling concert starring Cambridge University choirs and Ely Cathedral choirs is being held on Saturday, March 10.

The choirs of Jesus College, Gonville College and Caius College, Cambridge, will be linking up with the choirs of Ely Cathedral for the event at the cathedral.

Accompanied by the cathedral organ, they will perform excerpts from Stainer's ever-popular *Crucifixion*, Barber's poignant *Agnus Dei* and the *Passiontide* anthem of Gerald Finzi.

The programme will also include works by Faure and Vaughan Williams.

A spokeswoman for the cathedral said: "This is a wonderful opportunity to experience these highly-acclaimed choirs performing under the world famous Octagon of Ely Cathedral."

Paul Trepte, Sarah MacDonald, Mark Williams and Geoffrey Webber will conduct the concert, which starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets range in price from £15 to £10 for adults and are £5 for students and children. For tickets, call the cathedral box office on (01353) 660349 or visit *www.elycathedral.org.*

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We're not being democratically led

Sir, I submitted a question at the Ely full council meeting last Thursday on the matter of the council's proposal to make parking charges in the city centre.

A petition has been raised by the Ely Traders' Association of more than 10,000 names, verified by the council, and this was presented by Mr Andrew Olley of the ETA.

My question was directed to all the councillors present but was answered, as were the other questions, by the chief executive or, we should say, not answered because no democratically-elected person gave a proper reply to my question, which was: do the members of East Cambs District Council seriously want to work with their own shopkeepers, market traders and council tax payers to make Ely an attractive and easy place to visit, work in, shop and do business?

To that end, are they prepared to listen to the clearly expressed wishes of their electorate, as revealed in the petition to be presented as Item 6 on the agenda?

The bland remarks of the chief executive did not give any confidence that the council were prepared to acknowledge the strength of informed public opinion in their city, in the neighbourhood, and among the further 2,000-plus vistors who had signed the petition, bringing the total to more than 12,000.

There were members of the public who had come to the meeting, particularly to support the petition, who were dismayed at what seemed quite deliberate stonewalling by the Conservative members of the council. Only 15 minutes debating time (from which the public were, of course, excluded) was permitted, at the end of which the whole issue was referred to the development and transport sub-committee of ECDC on March 6, no doubt at an afternoon time when traders would not be able even to listen.

This was a total snub to the traders and the electorate of Ely, and should be declared as such to our MP, Jim Paice, and the Minister for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, as well as to Mary Portas, the Government's appointed Shops Czar, who has already condemned East Cambs for its failure to listen to its traders. We are no longer being democratically led and administered.

Gillian Turberfield
Barton Mews
Ely

The whole story hasn't been told

Sir, The press release put out by the district council, giving the impression that all councillors agreed the budget set at the meeting of February 23 did not quite carry the full flavour of the discussion. Following a debate on the Liberal Democrat amendment to reject the Conservative tax rise of 2.95%, instead accepting the 2.5% grant from central government, which would have meant that local taxpayers paid nothing extra, a vote was held. The record of that vote was that all the Conservatives voted to raise the tax and all the Liberal Democrats voted to take the 2.5% grant. Better than that, the Independent Group members all voted with the Liberal Democrats.

There had been no pre-meeting discussion of voting intentions – this was entirely on the merits of the case. The chief financial officer had given an appraisal of the robustness of the reserves and when questioned confirmed that they were more than adequate, there simply was no need for a rise that would take money out of the local economy this year.

Liberal Democrats are concerned that when business rates are devolved to local authorities, as they will be soon, then councils that have not co-operated with central government may well get worse treatment because of their perceived greed this year. This is against a background of £177,000 being placed in an unallocated reserve fund and severe cuts to voluntary sector grants.

A second amendment, put by Cllr Pauline Wilson, to give a grant of £10,000 to Ely and Soham Dial a Ride was rejected out of hand by the Tories. The effect would have been to reduce the unallocated reserve to a mere £167,000. Cllr Wilson stated that Dial a Ride helped many hundreds of disabled and elderly people who would otherwise be confined to their homes, with no chance of every going anywhere, shopping or meeting other people. Dial a Ride told me that there customers only get out because of their service. We should be supporting this wonderful service and not continually procrastinating about it. The Dial a Ride services at Ely and Newmarket provide valuable transport for the most vulnerable in society and feature prominently in council community strategy, yet have had all funding removed from the district council. The Dial a Rides now get more money from parish councils, many of which give small grants of a few hundred pounds, than they do from the district council which cut their support to nil. If the 'Big Society' is to mean anything then it must mean working openly in partnership with local people; we are not seeing much of this from the controlling group here.

The car park charging debate hardly happened. Mr Olley, of the Traders' Association, spoke well but got no reply from the leader of council excepting assurance that it would be taken into account when the issue was discussed in March. Cllr Ian Allen for the Liberal Democrats asked if the council finances could stand not introducing charging this year and was assured by officers that this was the case. He stated that in the face of the petition and in view of current economic circumstances that now is not the time for charging and certainly not the system proposed. No improvements for residents, for on street enforcement or for increasing turnover in the car parks which would help traders, will come from the new charging regime. What we are seeing is the introduction of another tax, not ring fenced for transport purposes, the proceeds of which will disappear into the general fund, Liberal Democrats oppose charging while the economy is weak and the impact of major new retail developments is uncertain. Ely councillor Sheila Friend Smith spoke particularly strongly in favour of the traders position, noting that trading conditions are poor at present and that a number of shops have already shut.

Ian Allen,
Leader of the East Cambridgeshire Liberal Democrats

Protest: Ely Traders' Association presents a petition of more than 12,000 signatures

We need to see all the options

Sir, I am an Ely resident who regularly walks or cycles along the river towards Barway, to get some exercise and fresh air.

It is rare not to see anyone else, whatever time I go. It is a very easy walk in the country (but only just outside Ely), with lots to see in the fields and on the river. There is an occasional train and, of course, a fantastic view of the cathedral and city that unfolds as you walk along.

I recently walked in the Milton Country Park and was constantly aware of the drone of traffic and my friends who live in Histon tell me that they often experience similar levels of noise.

While bypass route B might not have the volume of traffic that is on the A14, tyre noise from the many lorries on the proposed elevated road will surely affect a large area of Ely, as well as ruin the peace of the river and its path.

Of course, a solution is needed to the railway crossing but we shouldn't solve one problem at the expense of creating another and lose something that is unique. We need more than a line on the map that the last ECDC 'consultation' gave us to really understand what all the possible options are.

Richard Halsey
New Barns Road
Ely

Let's not repeat old mistakes

Sir, I thank Malcolm Busby and Martin Welch for their contributions to the on-going 'Wicken Vision' debate. Mr Busby and Mr Welch both mention turf-growing. I wish to make it clear that I have expressed reservations about this. However, the growers do this as part of a crop rotation and they have assured me that the practice is not detrimental to food growing. I also have to say that these same growers produce magnificent crops – sometimes two in a year – of supermarket-ready food. I admire them and wish them well.

If I and my friends continue to worry Mr Busby and Mr Welch, then I am sorry. I and my friends continue to worry about the National Trust-owned land growing not food crops but elder bushes, hemlock, ragwort, stinging nettles and thistles. As a farmer, I regard this as wrong.

As an elderly farmer, I suppose that I remember more than many and I also read much. I remember dear old friends like the late Mr Reuben Badcock of Burwell, a man of great strength and ability who helped to rescue the Fens from neglect during the Second World War.

Mr Badcock and many others are not forgotten by those who know about these things.

I recommend to Mr Busby and Mr Welch two good books – *The Farm in the Fen* by Alan Bloom, published in 1944 and descriptive of Mr Bloom's efforts to restore Burwell Fen land to food growing – inspected and commended by no less than the late King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (the parents of the present Queen) – and Max Hastings's recently-published *All Hell Let Loose* in which the author gives graphic descriptions of how we in these Islands nearly starved during the Second World War.

My memories and my reading serve me well. It was George Santayana who said that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. I remember the past in these Cambridgeshire Fens. Prior to the Second World War, our Fens were neglected.

Let us hope that we in Britain – now with a population of over 61 million – are not condemned by the neglect of others to repeat our predicament of the 1940s.

Geoffrey Woollard
Chapel Farm
River Bank
nr Upware

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Residents hit out at yobs on motorbikes

MOTORCYCLISTS are "wreaking havoc" by illegally riding their bikes on footpaths and bridleways.

Residents say the culprits are mainly youths on motorbikes and mopeds and they are urging police to take action.

The problem appears to be greater in the Ely area, where people are sick of motorcyclists abusing the countryside, and the law, by riding where they shouldn't.

Residents in the Soham and Wicken area are particularly annoyed and have raised the issue at their local neighbourhood panel meeting.

Frank Matsell, from Soham, said: "The police need to take this issue seriously. It is illegal for mopeds and motorbikes to be ridden along footpaths but many people, especially youngsters, seem to think it is fine if the paths are in the middle of nowhere and out of sight.

"Part of the beauty of the Fens for me is that I can walk my dogs for miles along endless footpaths and bridleways.

"But many of these tracks are being churned up by youths who are using them for their sport. They are wreaking havoc in our countryside."

BY JORDAN DAY

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Another resident, from Barway, who did not want to be named, said: "I have witnessed motorbikes being driven along bridleways near my home plenty of times.

"I call the police every time but the culprits have always long gone before the police arrive. It might sound like a petty crime but it is illegal and it's a nuisance.

"They are driven aggressively, they are loud and they are disturbing all our wildlife. It is not how footpaths and bridleways in our beautiful countryside should be used."

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire police said: "Police have received reports of motorcyclists illegally riding their bikes on footpaths and bridleways in the Wicken and Soham area.

"We are taking these reports seriously and in response have increased patrols in the area. It has been adopted as a panel priority after being raised by local residents and we will not tolerate such behaviour.

"Anyone found riding their motorcycle on a footpath or bridleway will be punished."

Two charged with affray

TWO men charged with affray in connection with an altercation at a pub in Ely are to stand trial.

Leon Franklin, 24, and Ryan Graham, 21, both of High Barns, Ely, were charged with affray after they were arrested at The Townhouse, in Market Street, in the early hours of Saturday, February 11.

Police were called to the pub after reports of an assault.

Franklin and Graham appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on Tuesday and each pleaded not guilty to the charges.

They were released on bail to stand trial at the courthouse on April 25.

Liam Donnelly, 23, of Beresford Road, Ely, was also arrested at the scene and was charged with possession of Class A and B drugs.

He too appeared at the magistrates' court on Tuesday and pleaded guilty to the charges.

He was fined £450 and ordered to pay £85 court costs.

Pupils to play

SOME of the King's School Ely's most talented musicians will be performing at Ely Cathedral on Thursday, March 8.

The second Lunchtime Live concert is being held there at 1.10pm and, as usual, is free.

The initiative was launched a year ago and gives the school's musicians more 'out of school' opportunities to perform and offers the public a chance to take a market day break and enjoy the music.

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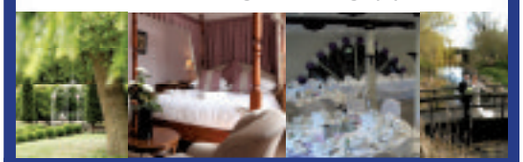
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Births

SHEPHERD
Nicola, Stuart, Jake and Katie
are pleased to announce the birth of
SOPHIE ELLA
on February 7th, 2012.

Acknowledgements

HUDSON. The family of the late Hilda Hudson wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their help and support and their prayers, cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks also to the Bartrams Homecare Team for their care and support over the years and to the staff at The Littleport Grange Nursing Home. Thank you to all who attended the funeral service and gave donations in her memory to Cancer Research. Thank you also to Rev'd Norman Setchell for the lovely service and A G Carter Funeral Director. Please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

To leave messages of condolence, sympathy or happy memories please visit Announcements on our website.

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Deaths

AMBROSE. Mabel (nee Cater), suddenly at home in Littleport on Saturday, 18th February, 2012. Married to the late Ralph Ambrose for forty five happy years, a loving mother and grandmother of Christine, David and Alice, she will be greatly missed by her wider family and friends. Funeral service at St George's Church, Littleport on Monday, 5th March, 2012 at 11.00am, followed by interment in Littleport Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for (PULSE) St George's Medical Centre, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely, CB7 4HW.

BYE. Ruth (nee Leonard) of Littleport Grange, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, 21st February, 2012, aged 95 years. A loved and sadly missed mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at St John's Methodist Church, Littleport on Friday 9th March 2012 at 1.00pm followed by interment in Littleport Cemetery. Flowers or donations if preferred for British Heart Foundation may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW.

Peggy Gypps

Reg wishes to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, floral tributes, letters & cards of sympathy and for all donations received in Peggy's memory.
Special thanks to all those who attended the funeral service at Royston Parish Church and Cambridge City Crematorium and to the staff at the Lister Hospital who cared for Peggy in her final weeks.
It would be appreciated if this notice could be accepted as the only expression of Reg's most grateful thanks

SID MERRY

Shirley wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to family and friends for their kind words of sympathy, their support and for the beautiful cards and flowers received at this saddest of times.
Thanks to St Mary's Surgery, the carers from C.A.T.S and Addenbrooke's ambulance staff.
Special thanks to John Sansom for the lovely service, to Ely Funeral Service and all who attended Sid's funeral which raised £580.18p in his memory for Addenbrooke's and Papworth Hospitals.
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Jubilee trees for planting

SCHOOLS across the Ely area are planning to plant trees this summer to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Woodland Trust is providing schools with free trees to celebrate the major milestone and so far the King's School Ely and Ely College have asked for trees.

Highfield Special School, Ely St Mary's Junior School, Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School and Littleport Community Primary School have too.

Art dealers set to visit

MODERN art and art deco dealers from across the country will be coming to Ely on Sunday.

A 20th century and modern design collectors fair is being held at The Maltings.

There will be a wide variety of items in sale, including 20th century collectables and curios from art nouveau and art deco to the psychedelic '60s and the retro styles of the '70s.

The fair will be open from 10am-4pm and entry will be £1.

The event is being organised by Fruit Tree Corner.

Call Danny Neill on (01638) 603518 for more information.

Blood dates for donors

BLOOD donor sessions are being held across the Ely area.

Sessions are being held at the Ely Beet Club in Lynn Road, Ely tomorrow from 1-3.15pm and 4.30-7pm. There will then be sessions at the Beet Club on Tuesday, March 27, at the same times and at the Walter Gidney Pavilion in Fountain Lane, Soham, on Wednesday, March 28, again during the same times.

To make an appointment, call 0300 123 2323 or visit *www.blood. co.uk.*

School to hold sale

AN indoor 'car boot' sale is being held in Ely on Saturday to raise money for a primary school.

The Friends of St Mary's School are organising the event to be held at the school, in High Barns, from 9am-12pm.

People will be able to buy all the usual car boot sale items, and refreshments will be served.

Fathers united in funds quest

TWO dads are taking part in a gruelling charity race to support the hospital unit which saved their sons' lives.

Friends John Nolan, 31, and Matthew Piccaver, 32, are donning their running shoes and taking part in the 10km Legends of Sherwood night race to raise money for the Neonatal Unit at The Rosie Hospital in Cambridge.

John's 2-year-old son, Ben, and stepson, Cameron, 12, were both treated at the unit after they were both born eight-weeks premature.

Matthew's 1-year-old son Teddy was also treated at the unit after he was born some four-weeks premature.

John, who is from Soham and works for mobile phone retailer Phones 4 U, and Matthew, from Isleham and who is a GP based in Thetford, both hope to raise about £1,000 for the unit.

John said: "My son and stepson were both treated at the unit and Matthew's little boy was too so we both know first hand how amazing the unit is.

"The nurses there inevitably saved our sons' lives and we want to do something to say thank you.

"The Legends of Sherwood race looked fun and seemed like a challenge so we decided we'd take part.

"It's going to be tough but we've been training a bit so hopefully all will be fine.

"We originally set out to raise £500 for the unit but we've already exceeded that target and now we hope to raise around £1,000."

The 10km race is being held in Sherwood Pines, Nottinghamshire, on Saturday night.

Competitors will have to complete the obstacle-filled marathon in complete darkness, tackling barriers such as woodland and swamps.

To sponsor John and Matthew, visit *www.justgiving.com/JohnandMattLegendsofSherwood*.

Alternatively, text 'JLMA99' and the amount you wish to donate to 70070.

In training: Matthew Piccaver, front, and his friend John Nolan.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 806852.

Speed-up call on housing scheme

BY JORDAN DAY

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A MAJOR new housing development in Littleport is not being built quickly enough, councillors have complained.

Parish councillors have described progress at the village's 650-home Highfields development as "very slow" and are urging the developers, Cannon Kirk Homes, to speed up.

Work on the major housing scheme started in late 2005 and Cannon Kirk says that to date around 45 per cent of the homes have been built.

A spokeswoman for the firm said the recession has had an impact on the development but that homes are still being built and sold, and that the development will still be finished.

But Cllr Fred Brown is worried, especially as plans to build a new secondary school in the village are progressing.

Worried: Cllr Fred Brown.

He said: "Everything at Highfields appears to be very slow. Things have certainly slowed down in the last year. The gates always appear to be open there but I don't think much is really being done.

"There's never been an exact completion date for this development but we just feel that years have gone by and that there's still so much to do.

"We need there to be continued growth here in Littleport. We need houses building and we need people living in them.

"If we are to get this new secondary school we need the children here to use it."

As reported in the *Weekly News*, Cambridgeshire County Council bosses say they are committed to providing a new secondary school in Littleport and the parish council believes agricultural land adjacent to Littleport Leisure Centre would be the ideal site.

The village could even get an extra primary school and a new 'community hub'.

A spokeswoman for Cannon Kirk Homes insists they are also committed to completing Highfields.

She said: "Work at Highfields started in late 2005 and to date we have completed around 45 per cent of the scheme.

"The recession, as with all property developers, has had an effect on us but we have continued to build homes and they are continuing to sell.

"We are surprised by the parish council's concern as we are busy week after week and the homes here are selling all the time.

"We are committed to completing Highfields but it is impossible to set a finishing date as that all depends on the housing market."

Shoppers in fall scare

ELDERLY shoppers are struggling to use the main entrance to Ely's new Sainsbury's store – including one pensioner who fell and reportedly smashed her teeth.

The massive new store may have only been open a fortnight but already customers are complaining about its 'travelator'.

The state-of-the-art feature, similar to an escalator and what you find in most airports, takes customers up to the store from the car park and apart from the front steps, is the supermarket's main entrance.

It may be proving a hit with many shoppers, including children, but elderly residents are struggling to use it and are falling when they come to get off it with their trolleys.

The store's manager, Alex Bettison, has confirmed that two elderly people have fallen over when they came to get their trolleys off the travelator at the bottom of it.

He confirmed an investigation has been carried out but denied that either of the victims smashed their front teeth.

However, a friend of one of the victims, who did not want to be named, claimed: "My friend, who is in her 60s, fell quite badly.

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"The escalator may look the part but it's actually quite dangerous for elderly people or those who are unsteady on their feet.

"She fell as she was coming back down from the store to the car park and the end of the escalator completely took her by surprise.

"Luckily she wasn't hurt but I understand that she is not the only elderly person to have fallen and that one lady smashed her front teeth as she fell with such an impact."

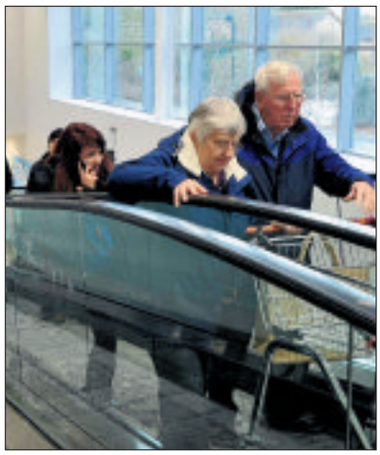
The new Sainsbury's store in Lisle Lane opened on February 15 and has been hugely welcomed in the city.

Mr Bettison said there are staff at either end of the travelator at all times to check that shoppers are safe, and that first aid staff were immediately on hand when both customers fell.

He said: "We have since carried out a full investigation over both incidents.

"We have been in close contact with both customers since the accident and we are sending them both some flowers to apologise for any distress that may have been caused."

Customers can also access the store via steps and lifts.



Going up: the travelator at the Lisle Lane store. 805036.

Burst pipe closes school

TWO separate water mains in Sutton burst within hours of each other – forcing the village primary school to close and leaving residents and businesses without water.

Anglian Water has apologised to residents following the incidents last Friday.

The first pipe, located in Mepal Road, burst at around 1am and left around 150 properties without water.

Sutton Primary School was forced to close for the day although Anglian Water said engineers had restored supplies to around 120 of those properties by 8am.

The remaining 30 properties had theirs restored by around 6pm.

However, another pipe burst in The Americas area on the same morning and the water supply was not restored until around 9pm on Saturday.

A spokesman for Anglian Water said: "Unfortunately, the repair on this pipe took longer than we would usually expect because of other utility cables in the area.

"Water was fully restored to customers on Saturday evening, and all customers were supplied with bottled water during this interruption as an alternative supply."

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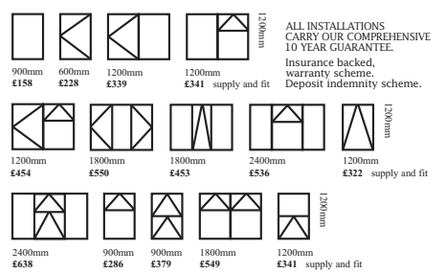

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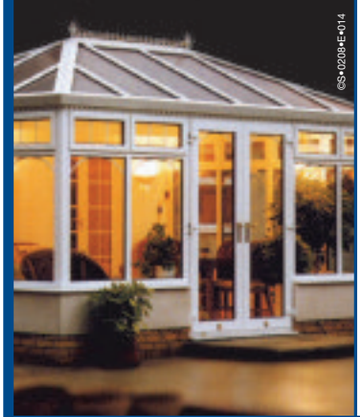

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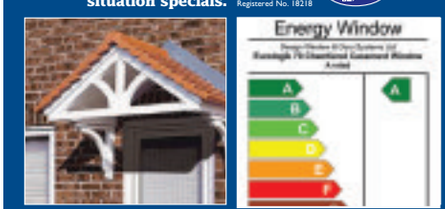

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Conversion plan sparks concerns

PLANS to turn an empty office into a shop are worrying residents and councillors.

Planners at East Cambridgeshire District Council are being urged to refuse plans to turn the former Whiting and Partner office at 41, St Mary's Street, Ely, into a shop.

Penita Ltd, which owns the building, applied to the district council to change the use from B1 office to A1 shop on January 10. Whiting and Partners have since relocated to larger offices in Bartholomew's Walk, Ely.

The City of Ely Council insists the change of use should not be approved.

The council said: "This would not be able to provide sufficient off-street parking to facilitate a retail unit, such as a convenience store, which will have a high turnover of customers.

"This is on a very busy junction and would become dangerous for both pedestrians and motorists""

Residents are also worried. Jonathan Hill, of St Mary's Court, Ely, said: "The building is in an area that remains overwhelmingly residential.

"A change in use of this nature would inevitably result in an increased volume of traffic and accompanying noise."

He added: "The location of this building makes it inappropriate for shop use due to the detrimental impact such a change would have on local residents."

Race aces gather for karting tribute to Liam

On track: Callum Fairhurst, 14, in his brother Liam's old car.

Picture: Richard Patterson 807792.

AN annual karting competition was held last Saturday in memory of inspirational cancer fundraiser Liam Fairhurst.

Teams took to the tracks at Red Lodge Karting on the weekend the brave teenager, from Soham, should have celebrated his 17th birthday.

Racers were competing for the Liam's Smile Trophy – and raising much-needed funds for the children's cancer charity, CLIC Sargent.

Liam lost his four-year battle with cancer in 2009, aged just 14, after raising more than £320,000 for CLIC Sargent.

Since its establishment in 2010, the karting competition has raised around £10,000 each year for the charity, which supported the Soham Village College student and his family.

The event also saw the formal launch of the Liam Fairhurst Foundation.

The charity has been set up in memory of Liam and to help young heroes who have been affected by illness or injury.

The trust will also help existing charities which promote positive young people, such as the Diana Awards.

Vandal attack at beauty spot

A POND-dipping platform at a beauty spot has been vandalised – and a reward is being offered to people with any information.

Vandals destroyed a wooden platform at the pond in Fairchild's Meadow, Chewells Lane, Haddenham, making it unsafe for use.

Haddenham Parish Council is furious and is offering a small financial reward to anyone with any information about who did it.

The incident happened between 4pm on Tuesday, February 14 and 9.45am the following day.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police confirmed the incident is being investigated. Anyone with information should call police on 101 or Jenny Manning, Haddenham Parish Council clerk, on (01353) 749919.

Hopes high of rescue deal for playgroup

A PRE-school in Ely may be set to close – but education chiefs are "optimistic" that another childcare provider will take it over.

BY JORDAN DAY

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Last year, cash-strapped social housing provider Sanctuary Housing announced it was going to scrap the childcare facilities it runs at The Barns Community Rooms in High Barns, Ely.

Parents whose children attend Barney Bears Pre-school, High Barns After-School Club and parent and toddler groups at the community rooms were told the services would stop as of March 30 this year "due to economic and business reasons".

Families were furious and insisted Sanctuary Housing could save cash elsewhere.

Since the announcement, parents have been trying to find alternative pre-schools to send their children to although the majority of Ely's are full with ever-increasing waiting lists.

Now Cambridgeshire County Council and Sanctuary Housing say they are "optimistic" that another childcare provider will take over Barney Bears and existing childcare facilities.

Emma Keegan, regional director for Sanctuary, said: "We are committed to seeing childcare provision continue in the Barns area and have been working with Cambridgeshire County Council to find a new provider to lease The Barns Community Rooms.

"A number of potential childcare providers have responded to our advert and we are optimistic that working together we will be able to meet the needs of the community."

One father, who did not want to be named, said: "My daughter attends Barney Bears.

"It's a fantastic little pre-school and the facilities provided at the community rooms are great.

"We are all outraged by this. It's going to have a devastating effect on a lot of families.

"We really hope someone else will come along and save it otherwise there are going to be lots of children left with nowhere to go."

John Grain, a spokesman for The Barns Community Voice, added: "The community rooms are a fantastic asset for our estate and are used by people of all ages.

"To see them closed down would be extremely sad."

A spokesman for the county council said that discussions with Sanctuary Housing and potential childcare providers are ongoing.

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New move on rail junction upgrade

BY JORDAN DAY

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AMBITIOUS plans to upgrade a major railway junction in Ely have taken a step forward.

The Minister of State for Transport, Theresa Villiers, has asked Network Rail to carry out a study to investigate the possibility of improving the Ely North Junction.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, MPs from across the region, as well as representatives from Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Norfolk county councils, are calling for a multi-million pound upgrade – something they insist will boost train services and the economy.

The work is predicted to cost £10 million.

In the House of Commons last Thursday, Ms Villiers confirmed that the Department of Transport has asked Network Rail to investigate the upgrades.

She said: "This is something we are looking at carefully.

"We have asked Network Rail to do some important work on deciding how we might improve the frequency of services, and whether the infrastructure needed to deliver that is within the budgets that have already been allocated to Network Rail."

South West Norfolk MP Elizabeth Truss, who is one of the main campaigners, was present at the time.

She said: "I am pleased that the minister has asked Network Rail to seriously investigate the upgrade of the Ely North Junction.

"I will continue to press the Government on this important piece of infrastructure.

"I am working closely with local councils, LEPs and my neighbouring MPs to ensure the message is made on the economic benefits of this upgrade to the region."

The Ely North Junction is located in Queen Adelaide and links London, Norwich, Cambridge, Peterborough and King's Lynn.

MPs and transport chiefs say upgrading it will improve all rail services, and that many lines could become half-hourly services if the work goes ahead.

They insist it would also boost business in East Anglia.

Olympic success for linguistic songwriters

A GROUP of young linguists from King's Ely Junior School, who composed songs in French and Italian to celebrate the Olympics, have scored a double success.

Children from schools across the country were set the challenge of writing songs in any of five European languages: French, Italian, Spanish, German and Greek.

King's Ely has been announced as the winner of the French section and runner-up in the Italian section. Entries came from hundreds of pupils from schools all over Britain who belong to Arsenal Double Club – an education project that encourages boys and girls to engage in languages through football.

Richard Whymark, head of King's Ely Junior, said: "The Arsenal Double Club is an innovative project which has really caught the imagination of our young linguists."

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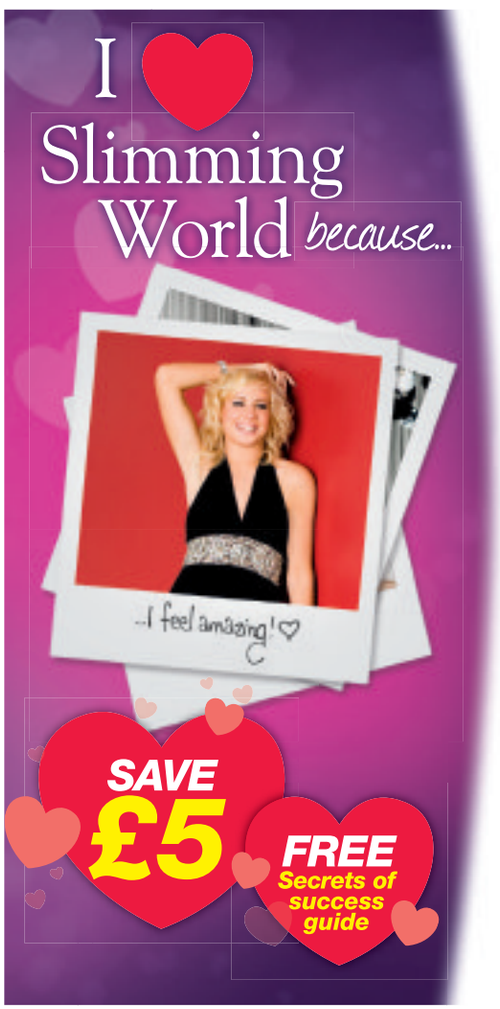

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Pair set to face trial after crash

A MAN and a teenager charged with aggravated vehicle taking which resulted in a crash are to stand trial.

Reece Reddington, 24, and a 17-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were arrested following a collision in Millpit Furlong, Littleport, on December 12 last year.

Reddington, of Lawns Crescent, Little Downham, was charged with aggravated vehicle taking, failing to stop at the scene of an accident, driving without a licence, driving without insurance, making off without payment and possession of cannabis.

The 17-year-old was also charged with aggravated vehicle taking.

Both appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on February 20 and denied all charges.

Both defendants were bailed until their trial date on April 11.

Motorcyclist is taken to hospital

A MOTORBIKE rider has been taken to hospital following a crash in Ely.

Police were called to the collision, involving a Toyota Yaris and a motorbike on Station Road, in Ely, at 2.15pm last Wednesday.

The rider was taken to Addenbrooke's with minor injuries.

The road was closed but re-opened by 3.55pm.

Church leader: the Bishop of Huntingdon with Little Thetford Primary pupils and their cross. Picture: Keith Heppell 807211.

School cross given bishop's blessing

A SCHOOL'S specially-made Easter cross has been formally blessed by the Bishop of Huntingdon.

Bishop David Thomson visited Little Thetford Primary School and dedicated the cross last Thursday.

The wooden cross was made by boys at The Harbour School, based in Wilburton, during their woodwork classes.

It will now be used to help teach pupils at Little Thetford Primary the important religious meaning of Easter.

Rob Litten, the school's head, said: "We are extremely grateful to the boys at The Harbour for making our cross.

"It's great and will be used lots in the run-up to Easter to teach our pupils that there is more to Easter than chocolate eggs and fluffy bunnies."

The cross was made from reclaimed wood at the workshop at The Harbour.

The Harbour is a residential special school which caters for boys aged 5-17 who have social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

■ Bishop takes trip down memory lane – page 23

Jobs are safe for staff in Peacocks

RETAIL giant Peacocks will remain open in Ely, the *Weekly News* can confirm.

For weeks, the store's 18 employees have been worrying that the shop, in The Cloisters, could close.

Peacocks went into administration in January due to cash problems – but was bought out by Edinburgh Woollen Mill last Wednesday.

A total of 388 of the company's 612 Peacocks stores will remain open nationwide, of which Ely is one.

It means all 18 staff will not lose their jobs.

However Newmarket's store is one of 224 which will close with immediate effect, leading to 15 job losses.

The deal by Edinburgh Woollen Mill means 6,000 jobs will be saved although 3,100 people will still be made redundant.

Chris Laverty, joint administrator at KPMG, said: "Wednesday's deal ensures the continued trading of a well-known name on the high street.

"While it is unfortunate that redundancies have been necessary, we are pleased that we have been able to preserve the majority of the business and jobs."

Stores in Huntingdon and St Ives will also remain open.

Parents' group launch

A COMPANY which specialises in baby-wearing products is launching a new community group for parents.

Ali Dover, owner of Maverick Baby, based in Soham, is running the Sling Buddies sessions in the town.

The mum-of-three's shop, in Pratt Street, promotes and sells baby-wearing products, such as wraps, slings, mei tais and buckle carriers.

The classes are being held at the Soham Children's Centre, based at The Weatheralls Primary School, to teach parents how to use the carriers.

They will be held on the last Friday of every month. For information, call (01353) 721821.

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Athletics group backs bypass

BY JORDAN DAY

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THE proposed location for Ely's new southern bypass may be controversial – but campaigners fighting for a new athletics track are backing it.

Organisations desperate to get a multi-purpose athletics track built in Ely say they are in favour of the £28 million bypass being built at Route B.

Route B would see the major road being built south of Ely station, crossing the river and rail lines before re-joining the A142 at Stuntney.

The route is being backed by council chiefs after it was favoured most by people in a recent questionnaire, although fears have since been raised that it could destroy views of Ely Cathedral and the surrounding countryside.

Last month, English Heritage and Liberal Democrats urged the county council's cabinet to scrap the plans, although their calls were rejected and the authority is pressing ahead with the route.

Members of the East Cambridgeshire Athletics Club, the Ely Runners and other organisations are backing the route as they hope it will allow for an athletics track to still be built in Ely.

For years, they have been campaigning for the facility, which they say would be used by individuals, teams and clubs from across the region and will "put Ely on the map".

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the district council has also agreed as part of the Ely Masterplan process, that a six-lane athletics track would be beneficial to the region.

As far as locations are concerned, campaigners say an area of the King's School Brand Field in Angel Drove would be the most suitable site and discussions have been ongoing with the school for some time.

A couple of years ago, the school withdrew its offer of the land as the council was considering building the bypass through other parts of its playing fields. But now that Route B is being favoured, hopes for the track have rekindled.

John Turner, one of those behind the athletics track campaign, said: "From our point of view, Route B would be the best location for the bypass.

"It would allow us to still get the track built in Brand Field.

"Funding is still an issue but we are determined to see this project through.

"Ely needs this athletics track. It will put Ely on the map as a centre of sport."

It was hoped the track could have been in time for the London Olympics, although funding has always been an issue.

The council says a full public consultation will be launched before any route for the bypass is pursued.

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Man acquitted of churchyard rape

A MAN accused of raping a teenage girl in a graveyard has been found not guilty.

Michael Nunn was charged with the alleged sex attack a 16-year-old girl on October 30, 2010.

After a week-long trial at Cambridge Crown Court, Nunn was acquitted last Wednesday.

Family and friends of the 30-year-old, of Allen Road, Ely, cried as the jury of seven men and five women read out their verdict after 13 hours and 18 minutes of deliberation.

Nunn, who denied the charges, admitted that he had sex with the girl but that it was consensual.

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He told the court that he recognised the fact that it had been "disrespectful" to perform such an act in a graveyard.

The girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was said to have spent the night with friends and Nunn, and following a trip to a newsagents in Littleport, the father-of-two was then alleged to have raped her in St George's Church graveyard.

The jury had been shown video footage of a police interview in which the woman described how she had seen Nunn when she went to The Crown Inn in Littleport.

She said they had chatted before he offered to walk with her to the One Stop shop, on Wisbech Road, and asked for her mobile number, which she gave to him before going to a friend's house.

She spent the evening drinking and chatting with friends at the house before receiving a call from Nunn and invited him round to join them.

He then asked her to go to the One Stop store with him again for beer at around 6am, after she which she claimed he raped her.

Allotment raids lead to police alert

THOUSANDS of pounds worth of machinery and tools were stolen from an allotment in just two days.

Police are urging residents to secure sheds and outbuildings following the spate of break-ins in Ely.

Thieves raided about 15 sheds at the allotments in Deacons Lane, stealing tools, lawn mowers and a rotovator.

The thefts happened overnight between Tuesday, February 21 and Thursday, February 23.

PCSO Jo Andow said: "If anyone has seen this equipment or has any information about the break-ins please call police."

As a result of the incident, police will be holding a special marking event in Ely on March 11 from noon-2pm to enable residents to get their garden machinery security-marked.

PCSO Andow said: "We will be offering security advice and engraving tools so please come along."

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Charlotte-Louise is top dog with judges

A YOUNG dog lover with a passion for helping canines is to receive a prestigious award.

Charlotte-Louise Paige, 18, will pick up the Shaun McAlpine Outstanding Young Person Award at this year's Crufts.

Charlotte-Louise, from Littleport, is a qualified dog show judge and was crowned the UK Junior Handler of the Year at Crufts in 2010.

But as well as casting her professional eye over hounds across the country she is also dedicated to helping dogs in need.

In the last 12 months, she has been busily raising money

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for both the British and the North of England Dalmatian Clubs' rescue services.

To raise the cash, she has held cake stalls, organised a companion dog show and taken part in a sponsored bike ride – all while working to pay for her college fees.

Next year, Charlotte-Louise, who judges beagles, schnauzers, dalmatians and miniature schnauzers, hopes to raise money for the Scottish Dalmatian Rescue.

As a result, she was one of eight Young Kennel Club (YKC) members aged 6-24 who have been shortlisted for the award.

The Shaun McAlpine Outstanding Young Person Award is the highest level of achievement for the country's young dog owners.

For more than 25 years, Ed and Cindy McAlpine have presented the awards at Crufts in memory of their son, Shaun, who was killed in a road accident two weeks after his 22nd birthday in November 1984.

The trophy is awarded annually to encourage young dog lovers to become more involved in dog activities, as Shaun himself had achieved considerable success as a dog handler.

Caroline Kisko, communications director of the Kennel Club, said: "Year after year, we are told of amazing young people working with and helping dogs.

"This award serves to highlight the fantastic way that young people and dogs can interact to perform such wonderful feats in society.

"Charlotte-Louise and her friends and family should be very proud, as she is such a great example of young people working with dogs to help their community, and in Shaun's memory we will make sure she has a wonderful day at Crufts this year."

The award will be presented on Sunday, March 11 at the NEC in Birmingham.

Girl's best friend: Charlotte-Louise with Bessy the beagle. CP.

Council hopes it won't breach laws on prayers

EAST Cambridgeshire District Council hopes not to be affected by a new ruling over saying prayers at the start of council meetings.

The High Court ruling was brought against Bideford Town Council by the National Secular Society and it could have implications for local councils all over the UK.

The judge in the case said said councils had no power to hold prayers as part of their formal meetings, or to summon members to meetings with prayers on the agenda.

But he added the saying of prayers in the chamber before a formal meeting begins was not prohibited, providing members are not formally summoned to attend.

At ECDC, prayers are only ever said before the authority's annual council meeting in May – and that members are not formally summoned to attend.

A council spokesman said: "We hope and fully expect to continue the tradition this year."

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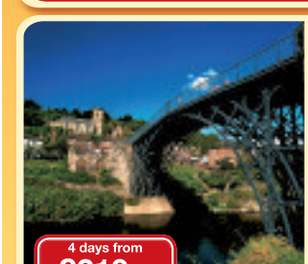

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Ely

TREAT YOURSELF: A ladies' pamper and shopping evening will be raising much-needed funds for a pre-school.
The Friends of the Lantern Goslings Pre-school in Ely are holding the event tomorrow.
The event is being held at the Lantern Primary School and there will be a variety of health and beauty treatments, including spray tanning, Indian head massages, Reiki and nails.
There will also be health and fitness demonstrations and stalls selling everything from beauty products to shoes to scented candles.
The event will run from 7-9.30pm and tickets are £3, which includes entry and a glass of wine or soft drink.
For tickets, email *Goslings@lantern.cambs.sch.uk*

TAKE IT EASY: Relax and unwind at Ely Library on Tuesday, March 6. A meditation session is being held there from 10.30-11.45am.
The session, which is aimed to reduce stress and boost self-confidence, costs £6. Call Dee Loakes on 07901 774660 for more information.

WORK ON SHOW: Artists Elizabeth Ikin and Sylvia Paul will be exhibiting their work in Ely throughout March.
Elizabeth's photographs and Sylvia's mixed media will be on show at the Old Fire Engine House, in St Mary's Street, from March 2 – April 1.
For more information, call (01353) 662582.

CAKES FOR CASH: The Friends of Ely's Jubilee Gardens are holding a fundraising cupcake party.
Residents are invited to the event at The Maltings on Tuesday, March 6.
Kirstyn, the Gingerbread Lady of Ely, will be on hand to teach people how to decorate cupcakes, plus there will be lots of homemade cakes, tea and Easter goodies being served.
The event starts at 2.30pm. Tickets are £5 for Friends of the garden or £6 for guests.
All funds raised will go towards the upkeep of Jubilee Gardens. For tickets, call (01353) 661573 or just turn up on the afternoon.

GRIM TIMES: Fenland at War, 1914-1918' will be the subject of a talk in Ely tomorrow.
Mike Petty will be hosting the talk at Ely Library from 10.30am-12pm as part of the Fenland History on Friday programme.
Entry is £2.50 on the door and all are welcome.

Bursting with energy: youngsters and adults at the Tumble Tots group in Ely. CP.

Youngsters get the Olympic focus

A BUSINESS set up to help children keep active has launched a campaign to celebrate the Olympics – and to help tackle childhood obesity.
Tumble Tots has been running for more than 30 years and offers classes across Cambridgeshire.
In Ely, the staff have just launched the Let the Tumble Tots Games begin campaign, which will run right until July.
The campaign has themed sessions – track and field, water games, pitch and events and rhythm and gym.
Karen Sivyer, who runs the classes in Ely, says all four themes are designed to encourage children to develop their imagination and physical skills.
She said: "Almost 25 per cent of 4 to 5-year-olds are now overweight or obese as well as over 33 per cent of 10 to 11-year-olds.
"Children of pre-school age require 180 minutes of activity per day according to the government guidelines launched last year.
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Littleport

QUIZ NIGHT: A quiz night is being held to raise money for Littleport Community Primary School.
The fundraiser will take place at Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday. For more information, call (01353) 860600.

Prickwillow

BACK TO THE FORTIES: A charity dance is being held on Saturday, March 10, to raise money for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).
The Galaxy Big Band will be headlining the 1940s-themed event, which is being held at the Hiam Sports and Social Club in Prickwillow.
As well as plenty of music and dancing, there will also be a fish and chip supper, grand raffle and licensed bar. 1940s' fancy dress is optional.
The event runs from 7.30-11.45pm and tickets are £18.
All money raised will go directly to EACH.
For tickets or more information, call Heather on 07876 522934.

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BAND TO PLAY: Stingray will be performing at The Fountain Inn on Saturday, March 3.
The gig kicks off at 9pm and entry is free.

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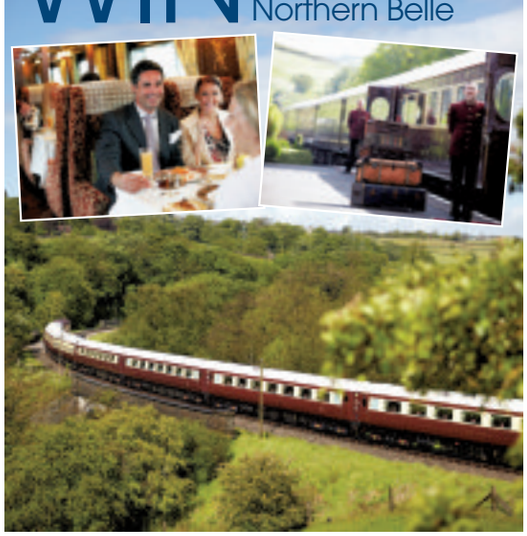

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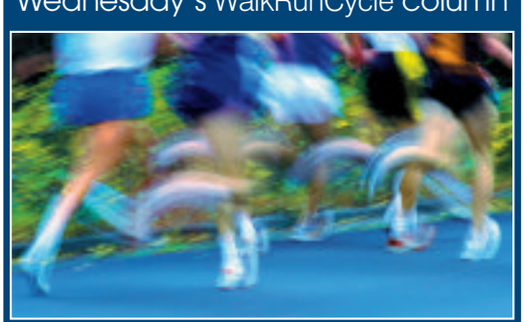

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COMMUNITY NEWS

People in the picture

We're you're fans: teenagers get to meet Azubuike at the charity event at Jar Jars in Ely

Dancers on the beat for charity cash

TEENAGERS danced the night away – and helped to raise hundreds of pounds for charity.

Young talent from across the Ely area, including urban singer/songwriter Azubuike, talented singer and musician Lewis Mokler and members of the Chaos Crew, performed at a special under-18s disco at Jar Jars in Ely.

Michael Binks, owner of Jar Jars, donated the venue for the evening on February 15 and invited young clubbers to the event to raise money for The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House.

Almost £300 was raised.

Event organiser Jo Pearson said: "I would like to thank everybody for their support and generosity in making this event such a great evening and by raising awareness that Tapping House, The Norfolk Hospice can provide support and care to the residents of this local area.

"The money raised will assist with the day-to-day running of the care provided to patients of Tapping House."

Mr Binks hopes to make under-18 events a regular thing at the club in Forehill.

Artistic flair wins £500 Tesco prize

A PRIMARY school in Ely has scooped £500 thanks to one of its talented pupils.

Schools across the Ely area took part in the Design a Poster competition at Tesco and the winner was Ely St John's Primary School.

The store, in Angel Drove, asked pupils to design a poster about why they love Ely.

It was 10-year-old Ely St John's pupil, Edward Ouzman, who won.

His creative design won him £100 to spend in the store, £500 for his school and his design has been printed onto 5,000 hessian 'bags for life', which will be sold to raise money for Tesco's charity of the year, the Alzheimer's Society.

Head at Ely St John's, Liz Bassett, said: "We are all very proud of Edward for winning the competition and thrilled with the school prize.

Victory: competition winners from St John's Primary School get their prize from Tesco's management.

Step back in time with history project

A VILLAGE shop which closed down last year will be re-opening on Saturday for one day only.

JH Adams Ironmongers in Main Street, Littleport, closed down in December having been in the village for decades.

But as part of The Family Adams Project which is currently being run in Littleport, the shop will re-open its doors for the day on Saturday.

The project, which has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is collecting, exploring and recording information about the shop and the entire village from 1890 to the 1930s.

Bygone days: the fascinating interior of the shop in Littleport.

Project manager Zoe Davidson said: "This is a unique opportunity for the community to come and see inside this wonderful historical shop.

"The Family Adams Project really is preserving a piece of Littleport fascinating history."

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Regional history: author and councillor Mike Rouse. CP.

Author pens Fenland novel

AN author and councillor has written his debut children's novel.

District councillor Mike Rouse, from Ely, is renowned for his intriguing local history books about Ely, the surrounding Fens and Norfolk and Suffolk seaside resorts.

But now Mr Rouse, a historian and former teacher at Soham Village College, has published his first children's book.

***Fen's End* tells the story of a young girl's search for her roots and combines fictional characters with true stories.**

As with all Mr Rouse's books, it paints an evocative portrait of the Fenland landscape and the people who form its history.

Mr Rouse said: "In *Fen's End* I have drawn on my love of Ely and the surrounding area to produce a gentle, evocative novel which combines the modern story of a young girl and her family facing up to difficult times with myths, legends and real stories of the history of the Fens.

"Though written mainly for young readers, the book will also appeal to adult readers who will recognise many of the places and people featured as the story unfolds, and who enjoy reading about the history of the Fens."

***Fen's End* will be available to buy from today, which coincides with World Book Day.**

It is priced at £5.99 and can be bought from Burrows Bookshop in High Street Passage, Ely.

Toddlers get cash windfall

A GROUP for mums and their young children is now able to offer its services free of charge.

The Isle of Ely NCT Bumps, Babies and Beyond group meets at the Methodist Church Hall in Chapel Street, Ely, on the first Friday of every month.

Mums used to have to pay £2 per family but now entry will be free for the next six months. It comes after a cash injection from the City of Ely Council.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "We are extremely grateful to the city council for their support.

"The group is open to all local parents and carers with small children, including those whose baby is still a bump.

"There are always people to chat to over a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake, with a variety of baby and toddler toys and craft activities for pre-schoolers."

The next group meeting is tomorrow, from 10am-11.30am.

Helipad plan sparks anger

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

PATIENTS from the Ely area have hit out at health bosses after they revealed a helipad would not be built at Addenbrooke's Hospital until a new A&E department is created.

There is planning permission for a landing site next to Addenbrooke's, but hospital chiefs are not going to build there, preferring instead to wait until a new A&E department is built with a helipad on the roof. However, this could take years.

Currently the helicopter lands at Gog Magog Golf Course or Cambridge Airport. Either way, the road ambulance then has to transfer patients from the helicopter to the hospital – negotiating busy traffic, adding time and risk to the journey.

Geoff Heathcock, former health representative for Cambridgeshire Liberal Democrats, said plans for a helipad at the hospital – which is due to become a major trauma centre on April 1 – had been ongoing for at least a decade.

He said: "I think it is absolutely ludicrous in this day and age that we have a situation where new air ambulances are purchased through charity and have to land at a golf club at the Gogs, to be then met by a land ambulance that has to come the length of Babraham Road."

Robert Whiteford, of Guntons Close, Soham, was transferred to Addenbrooke's following a head-on collision with a lorry.

Despite suffering a near-death experience and having his leg amputated he has recovered well.

He said: "It was a life-or-death situation. I had a badly-injured leg and the air ambulance picked me up and took me to the golf course where I was transferred into an ambulance to go to Addenbrooke's.

"A lot of time is taken up being transferred into an ambulance rather than being taken directly to the hospital in the helicopter.

"I'm very surprised that a hospital of that size has not had a helipad a long time ago."

Tim Page, chief executive of East Anglia Air Ambulance, said: "We would welcome any development with regards to a landing site at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

"When dealing with patients who are critically ill, speed of delivery to the emergency department can make a significant difference to their chances of survival."

A Cambridge University Hospitals spokeswoman said: "We have planning permission to build a helipad adjacent to the site, but this would still require a secondary transfer and would only be allowed to operate between 7am and 9pm.

"As we develop the campus, it is the trust's vision to have an emergency department with a helipad on the roof.

"We are confident that the current system helps us to deliver safe, effective care for our patients, and will provide an appropriate level of access when the major trauma centre goes live on April 1."

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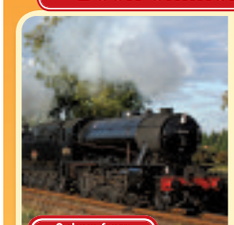

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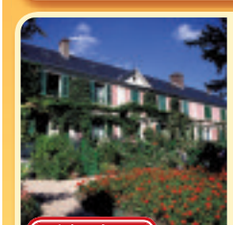

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Linda Hutchinson, Branch Co-ordinator says, "In common with all other animal charities, we continue to be under pressure to take in unwanted cats and kittens. At present, it is the adult cats who are looking for homes and it is hoped that people will come forward to offer a home to one (or two) of these lovely cats. All are health checked, vaccinated, microchipped and neutered and come with 4 weeks' free insurance. For some of our older cats with health issues, we may even be able to cover the vets bills for the rest of their lives.

On 10th March, Ely and District Cats Protection will be holding their Annual Cat Show and Homing Day in Little Downham Village Hall. The event is open to the public from 11am to 3pm and visitors will be able to meet some of the cats longing for a home of their own.

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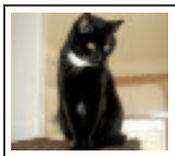

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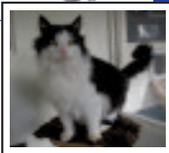

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Students set for African aid trip

BY JORDAN DAY

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A GROUP of students are travelling to Gambia later this month to teach sports to orphaned and deprived children.

The 12 young people, who are studying a BTEC diploma in sport at Huntingdonshire Regional College, will spend a fortnight in the rural village of Bakoteh.

The trip has been arranged by the college and founders of the Lisa Kent Memorial Trust and will see the students working with some of Africa's poorest children.

They will spend every morning teaching a variety of sports to children at the and in the evenings they will teach and play football with local youngsters and youth football teams.

During the trip, the students will also help to decorate areas of the school.

The Lisa Kent Memorial Trust was set up following the death of the popular Ely teenager, who died in December 2003, aged 19.

Lisa was one of three teenagers killed when the car they were in veered off the road and plunged into the River Ouse at New River Bank, near Littleport.

Daniel Davy and Sam Murphy, both 15 and from Ely, were also killed in the crash.

But determined to ensure Lisa's legacy lived on, her friends and family set up the trust.

Lisa had a love of children and so the trustees decided to help some of the world's most deprived youngsters. The trust achieved charitable status in 2005.

It improved and extended a school in Gambia in 2005, which now provides more than 150 children with a safe place to learn.

Now trustees are focusing on building another nursery, primary and secondary school in Gambia in Lisa's memory.

It is at that school, the Lisa Kent Meridian Cycle School, that the students will spend much of their time.

The trustees have also bought more land, enabling a further four classrooms to be built.

Once completed, it will enable children of all ages, who have no school to attend, to finally get an education.

The trust is planning another volunteer trip in November.

For more information about the trip or the trust in general, call Liz Tinkler on 07803 123023, email *liz@lisakenttrust.org* or visit *www.lisakenttrust.org*.

Bishop takes a trip back in time to school days

THE Bishop of Ely took a trip down memory lane when he returned to his school.

Bishop Stephen Conway visited Archbishop Tenison's School, London, to lead the morning assembly and hold question and answer sessions with students.

Bishop Stephen, who started at the school in 1969 aged 11, also met teaching staff and pupils after the assembly.

Archbishop Tenison's is a Church of England, voluntary-aided School with specialist arts college status. Founded more than 300 years ago by Thomas Tenison, Archbishop of Canterbury, the school caters for boys aged 11-19, with girls admitted in the sixth-form.

Bishop Stephen, who was school captain from 1975-76, said: "I started in September 1969.

"I was given an exemption from wearing short trousers which were required by the uniform for first years.

"I was selected for Form 1A on the first day. I left at Christmas 1976, after having done a seventh term in the sixth form to apply for Oxford entrance."

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Notes from history

LISA MILLARD meets the Cambridge period instrument pioneers who have allowed baroque and classical masterworks to be heard as they were originally supposed to sound.

FORMED in Cambridge in 1973 by famed conductor Christopher Hogwood, a graduate of Pembroke College, the Academy of Ancient Music (AAM) is a global phenomenon widely acclaimed as one of the world's greatest pioneering period-instrument bands.

Known for its musical excellence, the orchestra uses period instruments to play baroque and classical music pieces as the composer intended.

A deep understanding of music underlies the AAM and the orchestra's achievements are fostered by a range of guest artists, including singers Dame Emma Kirkby, Dame Joan Sutherland and Cecilia Bartoli as well as a collaboration with the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. The latter produced the world's first live classical cinecast, beaming Handel's *Messiah* into thousands of cinemas across the globe.

The AAM plays around the world but is a Cambridge institution and has a regular season at West Road Concert Hall and annual concerts with the Choir of King's College.

"The history of the Academy of Ancient Music is truly global and, at the same time, we're very much rooted at home here in Cambridge," says Toby Chadd, the academy's external relations manager.

"What's special about the AAM is that our music making is inspired by the performances which Bach, Handel and Haydn would have known," explains Toby. "So we play on original instruments (gut strings, not metal, trumpets without valves); we very often don't have a conductor, but are directed by one of the musicians; and we play from original scores rather than later editions.

"It's not an academic exercise, though: it's a way of making music come alive by recreating the passion and vitality which composers, musicians and audiences felt when it was first composed. We were one of the first orchestras to take this revolutionary attitude, and I'm proud to say that we're still at the forefront of the classical music world

"Some of our most vibrant music making takes place in Cambridge.

"We have given UK premieres of recently-discovered works and celebrated well-known masterpieces, and the season ahead is brimming with highlights."

Musicians lined up to perform with the Academy this year include violinist Alina Ibragimova (recently nominated for the 2011 Gramophone Award for Best Artist), soprano Anna Prohaska and tenor James Gilchrist.

The AAM's music also benefits from a number of fruitful collaborations, says Toby.

"For many years we've enjoyed a particularly strong relationship with the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, making many acclaimed recordings together.

"Every Easter we perform a Bach *Passion* together in King's Chapel, and last year this was brought to London for the first time, to a sold-out Cadogan Hall.

"We are also Orchestra-in-Residence at the University of Cambridge and hold a series of masterclasses with students from the Faculty of Music. Many of our musicians are teachers and professors, and passing on our expertise and passion to the next generation is at the heart of the AAM's mission."

The academy is also dedicated to involving young people as audience members, offering £3 tickets to its Cambridge concerts for anyone who is under 26 or a full-time student.

"Over the coming year in Cambridge, we'll be performing music spanning three centuries," says Toby, "from Monteverdi to Beethoven, ranging in scale from intimate solo violin works to grand symphonies. There's something for everyone."

A central part of re-discovering the original sounds of classical and baroque music lies, of course, in the instruments.

"Rather than using violins and trumpets built with the latest technology, the academy challenges itself to work with the instruments on which the music would have been first performed."

IN TUNE: The AAM works in collaboration with King's College, Cambridge.

The Academy of Ancient Music's packed 2012 concert schedule includes the following Cambridge dates:

■ Tuesday, April 3 at 6.30pm, King's College Chapel
JS Bach's St Matthew Passion
James Gilchrist, Evangelist
David Wilson-Johnson, Christ
Stephen Cleobury, conductor
Sophie Bevan, soprano
James Laing, counter-tenor
Thomas Walker, tenor
Lukas Jacobski, bass
Choir of King's College, Cambridge
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■ Saturday, April 28 at 7.30pm, West Road Concert Hall
Musical Revolutions: Dawn of the cantata
Early vocal music by Monteverdi and his contemporaries
Anna Prohaska, soprano
James Gilchrist, tenor
Benjamin Hulett, tenor
Jonathan Cohen, director and keyboards
Box office: (01223) 503333

■ Tuesday, June 26 at 7.30pm, West Road Concert Hall
Musical Revolutions: Age of the French baroque
Music from a golden age by Lully, Marais and Charpentier
Choir of the AAM
Richard Egarr, director & keyboards
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■ Wednesday, September 19 at 7.30pm, West Road Concert Hall
Table music from Schein to Telemann with Richard Egarr, director & harpsichord
Booking for this concert opens in June

■ Thursday, September 27 at 7.30pm, Corn Exchange
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A laugh a minute

WRITER, director and stand-up, Stewart Lee, below, is an understated comedian. Performing in smaller venues, and refusing to appear do the 'panel show' thing to get himself known, he has instead carved an unusually diverse career for himself since his early days as part of the Lee and Herring duo in the 1990s.

In fact, Lee gave up comedy early last decade after he felt he'd said all he had to say, but soon found a new lease of life with *Jerry Springer – The Opera* the critically acclaimed, cheekily controversial stage show which upset a few Christians but still won four Olivier Awards in 2004. Since then, Lee has rolled out several TV and stand-up shows, including *Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle* and *If You Prefer a Milder Comedian, Please Ask for One*, in which he made a joke about Richard Hammond getting dicapitated, which the *Daily Mail* took slightly the wrong way. He was in Cambridge last year with his live show *Vegetable Stew*, and returns for 2012 with a self-depricating new show all about being middle-aged and boring, asking: can a married man, whose life now consists mainly of watching *Scooby Doo* cartoons with a four-year-old boy, still have anything funny to say?

■ **Stewart Lee, Cambridge Corn Exchange, March 7 at 8pm. Tickets are £18.50. Contact (01223) 357851 / www.cornex.co.uk.**

Blowing their own trumpets

BRIGHTON hip-hop duo Rizzle Kicks have been causing a bit of a stir across the UK, gathering fans of all ages – including, unlikely as it may seem, a certain Stephen Fry.

Jordan "Rizzle" Stephens, 20, and Harley "Sylvester" Alexander-Sule, also 20, first met when they were tiny but grew apart, reuniting in their teens, though it wasn't until they both went to Brit School that they came together musically.

They released their debut album *Stereo Typical* last October, and are now whipping crowds into a frenzy on their first headline tour.

Arriving at The Junction, the queue was endless and predominantly made up of teens and university students – but there were still a few groups of older fans (like me and my boyfriend) holding their own.

Support act Random Impulse, a guitar-playing grime MC, got the crowd warmed up with some heavy beats, followed by Pepper, a female soloist who blended her soulful voice with techno beats for a unique sound (she is signed to Dizzee Rascal's record label, Dirtee Stank).

After much anticipation, Rizzle Kicks bounced on to the stage for the first gig of their tour to a deafening roar from the crowd.

Missed it? Rizzle Kicks will be back in Cambridge for a show at the Corn Exchange on November 20

Opening with *Prophet (Better Watch It)*, they encouraged the crowd to "raise the roof" and bounce around for their next song, *When I Was a Youngster*, which got even the most reserved hitting the floor.

They threw in a remix of their friend Ed Sheeran's *You Need Me, I Don't Need You* – dividing the audience into two for a sing-off at the chorus.

The duo's infectious energy and great sense of humour saw them putting their own stamp on the Bond theme, before slowing the tempo slightly for *Miss Cigarette* and the last song on their album, *Traveller's Chant*.

Then it was back to full pelt for an energetic rendition of the White Stripes' *Seven Nation Army* followed by their recent top five hit *Mama Do The Hump* – complete with enthusiastic demonstration of the hump in question (don't worry, it's only a dance move).

After a brief interval they came back to the Harry Potter theme, which was pretty surreal, before launching into – what else? – signature tune *Down With The Trumpets*, sparking a mass outburst of freestyle dancing and big stupid grins all round.

Rachel Allen

Mystery Jets up the Junction

INDIE-POP faves The Mystery Jets have been scheduled for an intimate set at The Junction next month. Formed in Twickenham by Henry Harrison, Blaine Harrison and William Rees (guitar, vocals) when the boys were still at school (with Kai Fish and Kapil Trivedi arriving later), The Mystery Jets began rolling out their quirky hits in 2006, starting with the exuberant *Making Dens*. They released their most recent album, *Serotonin*, in time to play a set at Somerset House's summer concert in 2010, showing the boys are able to turn out a more traditionally tuneful hit, as well as the classic wonky acid-pop of their earlier Syd Barrett-influenced era.

The Mystery Jets' gig is presented by Green Mind. Book now at: (01223) 511511/*www.junction.co.uk*.

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Project X (18): Fri 11.10am, 1.20, 3.30, 5.40, 7.50, 10; Sat-Sun 1.20, 3.30, 5.40, 7.50, 10; Mon-Thu 11.10am, 1.20, 3.30, 5.40, 7.50, 10
Wanderlust (15): Fri 12.45, 3.10, 5.35, 7.50; Sat 10.20am, 12.45, 3.10, 5.35, 7.50; Sun 12.45, 3.10, 5.35, 7.50, 10.10; Mon-Thu 12.45, 3.10, 5.35, 7.50, 10.10
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12a): Fri 11.40am, 2.30, 5.15, 8.15; Sat-Sun 2.30, 5.15, 8.15; Mon-Thu 11.40am, 2.30, 5.15, 8.15
Safe House (15): Fri-Sat 12.15, 2.50, 5.25, 8.20,10.50; Sun-Thu 12.15, 2.50, 5.25, 8.20
The Woman In Black (12a): Fri 10.55am, 1.05, 3.20, 5.45, 8, 10.20; Sat-Sun 10.35, 1.05, 3.20, 5.45, 8, 10.20; Mon-Thu 10.55am, 1.05, 3.20, 5.45, 8, 10.20
The Muppets (U): Fri 12.30, 3.10, 6; Sat 9.50am, 12.30, 3.10, 6; Sun 9.50am, 12.30, 6; Mon 12.30, 3.10, 6; Tues 12.30, 3.10; Wed-Thu 12.30, 3.10, 6
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The Artist (PG): Fri 11.20am, 1.35, 11.10; Sat 11.10; Sun 8.40; Mon-Thu 8.40
Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace 3D (U): Fri 10.50; Sat 11.30am, 10.50; Sun 11.30am
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The Descendants (15): Fri-Sat 8.40
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Journey 2 : The Mysterious Island (PG) - includes short LOONEY TUNES animated film DAFFY'S RHAPSODY: Sat-Sun 1.40
The Artist (PG): Fri-Mon 8.25; Tues 9.15; Wed-Thu 8.25
Alvin And The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (U): Sat-Sun 10.50am
Puss In Boots (U): Sun 10.10am
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Wanderlust (15): Fri 3.45, 6.15, 8.40; Sat 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.40; Sun 11am, 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.40; Mon-Thu 3.45, 6.15, 8.40
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movies for juniors
Happy Feet Two (U): Sat 10.10am

The big film

THIS MEANS WAR

Certificate12A, 97m

ALL'S fair in love and war for two US government spies with their hearts set on the same woman in an action-packed comedy from director McG. This hare-brained buddy movie delivers slam-bang thrills and a few sparkling one-liners as rivalry between the two elite operatives escalates out of control, resulting in amusing abuses of CIA resources.

The film opens with a fast-paced action sequence in Hong Kong, where agents FDR (Chris Pine) and Tuck (Tom Hardy) are on assignment to apprehend crimelord Heinrich (Til Schweiger). Instructions from their boss Collins (Angela Bassett) to be discreet are gleefully ignored, leading to a high-profile shootout.

The buddies then return to headquarters to face the music. To lighten the mood, ladies' man FDR helps shy and gallant Tuck to dip his toes back into the dating pool by creating a flattering profile for his friend on a relationships website. Soon after, Tuck accepts a first date with Lauren (Reese Witherspoon), a beautiful consumer testing manager, who is recovering from a break-up from her sweetheart (Warren Christie).

Tuck is instantly smitten, but soon after the date FDR also encounters Lauren and he falls for her acidic wit. Armed with a dazzling array of hi-tech gadgetry, FDR and Tuck compete against each other to win Lauren's heart. She is torn between the two men, unaware they know each other, and seeks advice from her potty-mouthed sister Trish (Chelsea Handler),

This Means War starts with a bang and McG knows how to bolt together explosive sequences that quicken the pulse. However, comic interludes don't always hit their target and the voyeuristic nature of the men's surveillance leaves a nasty taste in the mouth.

Crucially, the film's inherent design flaw – we have to side with one of her suitors – means half the audience will be disappointed by the overblown climax when the love-struck lady makes her choice.

The film plays to Witherspoon's strengths as a comic actress, placing her at the centre of some elaborately staged set pieces, unaware her two handsome suitors are best buddies.

THE GUIDE | PUZZLES

Sudoku

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Last week's solution

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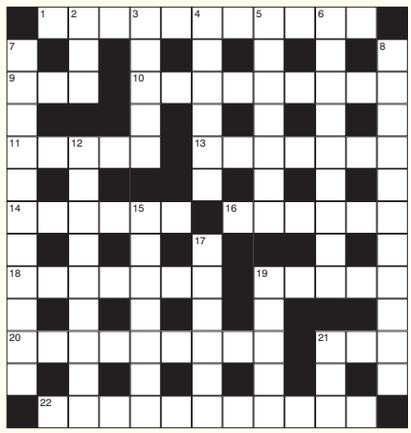

Cryptic clues

Across

1. Write the last – or last but one! (11)
9. Back in the well I obtained fuel (3)
10. Spike ran askew round the end of the lateen sail (9)
11. What occupants who have no title do (5)
13. A supporter concludes they're traditional accounts (7)
14. Describing a sizeable vessel dressed overall? (6)
16. Bronte translated into Celtic French (6)
18. Holiday area where I arrive in some confusion (7)
19. Theresa making a comeback as a kind of stripper? (5)
20. Face the other way and change the course of a fight (4,5)
21. This kind of session will cause congestion (3)
22. Youngsters fuss with the French perfumes (11)

Down

2. Sounds like a letter more than a yard long! (3)
3. Ailing, but not lying in bed with the radio (5)
4. Dally with a sweet dish (6)
5. A German becomes the boss (7)
6. Write brief comments on what bank robbers do (4,5)
7. Thinking of others when desecration is rampant (11)
8. See 19 Down
12. Describing a nudist who's not insured! (9)
15. As a pupil, I cry loudly, by the sound of it (7)
17. Sticks to the vetoes all round (6)
19 And 8 Down. Now, or when Christmas comes! (2,3,7,4)
21. This will spray the aircraft (3)

Quick clues

Across

1. Wrongdoers (11)
9. Still (3)
10. Unrig (9)
11. Dissertation (5)
13. Exhausted (3-4)
14. Musician (6)
16. Arrest (6)
18. Aerodrome (3-4)
19. Suppress (5)
20. Instantaneous (9)
21. Idiot (3)
22. Countercharge (11)

Down

2. Do (3)
3. Senior (5)
4. Convince (6)
5. Apprentice (7)
6. Reason (9)
7. Indicative (11)
8. Nonsensical (11)
12. Schedule (9)
15. Calumny (7)
17. Deprive of wind (6)
19. Monarch (5)
21. Insect (3)

Last week's solution – Cryptic clues across: 1 Thee; 3 Approach; 9 Outlier; 10 Lapse; 11 Braised steak; 13 Normal; 15 Mouser; 17 Asbestos suit; 20 Comic; 21 Iciness; 22 Redeemed; 23 Isis. **Down:** 1 Trombone; 2 Extra; 4 Parody; 5 Relationship; 6 Appears; 7 Heed; 8 Air-sea rescue; 12 Protests; 14 Resumed; 16 Strife; 18 Users; 19 Scar. **Quick clues across:** 1 Oust; 3 Accident; 9 Careful; 10 Lyric; 11 Prerequisite; 13 Nicety; 15 Oracle; 17 Incompetence; 20 Axing; 21 Idolise; 22 Identity; 23 Pest. **Down:** 1 Occupant; 2 Surge; 4 Colour; 5 Illustration; 6 Erratic; 7 Tack; 8 Afterthought; 12 Tenement; 14 Confide; 16 Splint; 18 Naive; 19 Taxi.

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It's time to veg out

by Hannah Stephenson

AS 'grow your own' campaigns have gathered momentum in the last few years, many people have had a go at growing their own veg, even if they've just had time and space to sow a few lettuces in a window box.

But if you're one of the few who has steered away from veg, perhaps preferring your flower borders to look ordered and formal, now's the time to create some space especially for edibles and think about what you are going to sow.

Check the soil temperature first, because if you sow too early the seedlings will struggle and become vulnerable to pests and diseases. It's likely that the recent cold snap will have delayed many sowings for a few weeks.

As a general guideline, in mild areas early sowings can be made into the ground towards the end of February, but in colder areas you need to cover seed beds with plastic sheeting or cloches for at least three weeks before sowing, to warm up the soil. But nothing is set in stone.

Use a soil thermometer to check the soil temperature in the morning, pushing it 5-10cm (2-4in) into the soil. If it remains above 7C (45F) for a week, you should be safe to start sowing early vegetables in prepared beds. Seed sown before that temperature is reached will germinate, but will be more susceptible to soil diseases.

To prepare a seed bed, the soil needs to be broken down to a fine tilth and the surface levelled off with a rake – it should end up like a fine, crumbly texture. Throw out any stones, weeds and other debris you come across while doing this. It's also advisable to add some fertiliser such as chicken manure pellets or blood, fish and bone to the soil before sowing.

Then you can grow a wealth of vegetables, from spring onions, leeks, beetroot and radishes, to carrots, parsnips and kohl rabi. If the area you have is too small to rotate crops, then grow what you like where you can, but don't plant the same crop in the same place two years running.

Always sow vegetable seeds in straight rows, which makes it easier to hoe weeds out during the growing season.

Set out a garden line or pegs and string to mark the position of the rows and use the row spacing for each vegetable following the instructions on the seed packet. Allow for different spacing between rows of different crops, so that a larger one doesn't swamp a smaller one.

Then make a seed drill using a narrow trowel or stick and sow the seeds as evenly as you can in the bottom of the drill.

After sowing, cover big seeds such as peas with around 1cm of soil, but less for smaller seeds. Water thoroughly with a fine sprinkler which won't disturb the soil or wash away the seeds afterwards.

Carrots can be sown at two-week intervals to provide a succession of crops during the year. Early potatoes can be chitted, putting them upright in seed trays in a frost-free place such as a windowsill with the end with the most eyes uppermost. They should be kept in a cool, light place so that the shoots grow strong.

Once they have sprouted, select two or three fat shoots to grow on and rub out the rest. Seed potatoes can be bought from garden centres. Don't risk using old ones from the supermarket because they're more likely to become diseased.

One of the earliest vegetables to crop is the broad bean. Sow seeds in pots in a cold frame or greenhouse, which will produce seedlings ready to plant out in March.

Quick-growing lettuces such as Little Gem can be sown in late February or March in mild areas, in rows 15cm (6in) apart. If the soil is workable, make a first sowing of the quick-growing carrot variety, Early Nantes.

When seedlings are large enough, any surplus can be pulled (which means thinning out). Larger clumps can be thinned to leave one or two strong seedlings.

Other vegetables such as celeriac can be sown indoors in pots from late February to mid-March but they need a minimum temperature of 15C (60F) to germinate.

If you persevere with growing from seed, before you know it, you will be sitting down to a meal of delicious vegetables you have grown yourself – and will probably have enough left over to give to your neighbours!

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.**
11.35 **Rachel Allen: Home Cooking.**
12.00 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
12.15 **Football Focus.**
1.00 **British Olympic Dreams.** A profile of the British triathlon squad.
1.30 **Swimming.**
2.00 **FILM: The Haunted Mansion (2003).** Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.
3.20 **Winter Wipeout.**
4.20 **Final Score.**
5.15 **A Question of Sport.**
5.45 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
6.05 **Pointless Celebrities.** Brian Blessed and Anthea Turner join Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman for the unorthodox general knowledge quiz.
7.00 **Let's Dance for Sport Relief.** Another five celebrity acts hit the dance floor. Hosted by Steve Jones and Alex Jones.
8.20 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.**
9.10 **Casualty.** First in a three-part story chronicling the unfolding events as Holby ED and a nearby community are caught up in a bitter gang feud.
10.00 **BBC News; Weather.**
10.20 **Match of the Day.**
11.40 **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents.
12.55 **Weatherview.**
1.00 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Little Robots.**
6.10 **Zigby.**
6.20 **Garth and Bev.**
6.35 **Octonauts.**
6.45 **Pinky Dinky Doo.**
7.00 **CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab.**
7.30 **Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.40 **The Scooby-Doo Show.**
8.05 **Pixelface**
8.35 **Prank Patrol Down Under.**
9.00 **Ultimate Sports Day.**
9.30 **Helen's Polar Challenge for Sport Relief.**
10.00 **My Life: Star's Incredible Journey.**
10.30 **Trapped.**
11.00 **Hacker Time.**
11.30 **The Ministry of Curious Stuff.**
12.00 **MOTD Kickabout.**
12.15 **FILM: The Fox and the Child (2007).**
1.45 **FILM: McLintock! (1963).**
3.50 **Birds Britannia.**
4.50 **Escape to the Country.**
5.50 **Flog It! From**
6.50 **Dad's Army.**
7.20 **The Story of Light Entertainment.**
8.20 **The Story of Musicals.**
9.20 **I'm in a Girl Group!**
10.20 **TOTP2: Girl Groups.**
11.20 **FILM: Son of Rambow (2007).** Premiere. A boy from a strict religious family and an unruly classmate become unlikely friends and decide to make their own action movie.
12.50 **FILM: Factotum (2005).** Black comedy.

ITV

6.00 **CITV: Mini CITV.**
7.25 **CITV.**
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.**
10.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.**
11.20 **This Morning: Saturday.**
12.20 **Murder, She Wrote.**
1.20 **ITV News and Weather.**
1.30 **FILM: The Jewel of the Nile (1985).** Comedy adventure sequel.
3.30 **FILM: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005).** Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp.
5.35 **Anglia News and Weather.**
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.05 **All Star Family Fortunes.** Corrie's Brooke Vincent (Sophie Webster) and Emmerdale's Rik Makarem (Nikhil Sharma) team up with their relatives in a bid to win a large cash prize for charity.
7.05 **All New You've Been Framed!**
7.35 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.**
8.05 **Take Me Out.**
9.20 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to Brit Award-winning singer Rihanna, who also performs, and soul star Lionel Richie discusses his new album *Tuskegee*.
10.20 **ITV News and Weather.**
10.35 **FILM: Wanted (2008).** A frustrated everyman learns his father was a member of a secret society of superpowered assassins. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy.
12.35 **The Zone. Interactive gaming;** ITV News Headlines.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Treacle People.**
6.10 **The Hoobs.**
6.35 **Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra.**
7.30 **FIM Superbike World Championship.**
7.55 **The Morning Line.**
8.55 **T4: Everyone's Talking About – Top 10. 9.25 T4 at the NME Awards 2012. 10.00 Playing It Straight. 11.00 New Girl. 11.30 The Simpsons. 12.00 Charlie's Angels. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory.**
1.55 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newbury and Doncaster. (T)
4.00 **Come Dine with Me. Also 4.30, 5, 5.35, 6.10**
6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.10 **4thought.tv.**
7.15 **Obsessive Compulsive Hoarder.** Documentary profiling Richard Wallace, whose £1million Surrey property is so filled with household items his health and physical safety are threatened.
8.10 **Big Fat Gypsy Weddings.**
9.10 **The Bank Job. Game show.**
10.10 **FILM: The Happening (2008).** A husband and wife flee for their lives as America is struck by a strange phenomenon that causes people to kill themselves. Horror, starring Mark Wahlberg.
11.55 **Music on 4: The NME Awards 2012.**
1.25 **FILM: Melinda and Melinda (2004).**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.15 City of Friends. 6.25 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.40 Castle Farm. 6.45 Igam Ogam. 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.20 Family! 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 7.55 Little Princess. 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Megastructures: Europe's Super Port. 11.00 Royal Navy: Caribbean Patrol.**
12.00 **FILM: The Dirty Dozen (1967).** WW2 action adventure, with Lee Marvin.
2.50 **FILM: Capricorn One (1977).** Thriller, starring Elliott Gould.
5.15 **FILM: Hell Boats (1970).** Second World War drama, starring James Franciscus.
7.00 **5 News Weekend.**
7.05 **NCIS.**
8.00 **NCIS.**
9.00 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Warrick and Catherine hunt for a child killer.
10.00 **CSI: NY.** A fraternity house's initiation ritual turns deadly.
11.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The detectives crack down on a clinic dealing in bogus medicine.
11.50 **Inside Hollywood.**
12.00 **SuperCasino.**

Pointless Celebrities
BBC1, Saturday, 6.05pm.

World's Most Dangerous Roads
BBC2, Sunday, 7pm.

Inglourious Basterds
Channel 4, Sunday, 10pm.

The Exorcism of Emily Rose
Channel 5, Sunday, 10pm.

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.35 **Match of the Day.**
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.**
11.00 **Bargain Hunt; (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.**
11.30 **Sunday Politics.**
12.30 **Match of the Day Live. Cardiff City v West Ham United** (Kick-off 1.00pm).
2.45 **Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Ireland** (Kick-off 3.00pm).
5.10 **Songs of Praise.**
5.45 **Land Girls.** Drama following the exploits of WLA servicewomen. Ellen is confronted by a face from the past.
6.35 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
7.00 **Countryfile.** Includes Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.**
9.00 **Upstairs Downstairs.** The house is rocked by controversy when the publication of a scandalous novel exposes Blanche's unconventional lifestyle, bringing the doctor face to face with the author of the book and her former lover Lady Portia Alresford.
10.00 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
10.25 **Room 101 – Extra Storage.**
11.05 **Would I Lie to You?**
11.35 **The Sky at Night.**
12.15 **The Celebrity Apprentice USA.**
1.40 **Weatherview.**
1.45 **Sign Zone: Film 2012**

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Little Robots. 6.10 Zigby. 6.20 Garth and Bev. 6.35 Octonauts 6.45 Pinky Dinky Doo. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show; (C) The Owl. 8.05 Paradise Cafe. 8.30 Wingin' It; (C) Deadly 60 Bites. 9.00 Friday Download. 10.00 Something for the Weekend.**
11.30 **Escape to the Country.**
12.30 **EastEnders. Omnibus.**
2.20 **FILM: Hidalgo (2004).** Epic adventure, starring Viggo Mortensen.
4.25 **FILM: Death Defying Acts (2007).** Period drama, with Guy Pearce and Catherine Zeta-Jones.
6.00 **I'm in a Girl Group!** With contributions by members of the Spice Girls, Bananarama and Girls Aloud.
7.00 **World's Most Dangerous Roads.** Rhod Gilbert and Greg Davies negotiate a variety of unusual Nhazards as they travel through Nepal.
8.00 **Top Gear.** Blur bassist Alex James is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
9.00 **Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey.** New series. The planet's yearly trip around the sun and theeffects it has on its inhabitants.
10.00 **Match of the Day 2.**
11.15 **QPR: The Four Year Plan.** An insight into the running of Queens Park Rangers.
12.45 **BBC News.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.**
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Ade in Britain.**
10.30 **May the Best House Win.**
11.30 **Dickinson's Real Deal.**
12.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
12.35 **Murder, She Wrote.**
1.40 **FILM: Columbo Cries Wolf (1990).**
3.40 **Midsomer Murders.**
5.35 **Anglia News and Weather.**
5.50 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.05 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.**
6.35 **Dancing on Ice.** The results can be seen at 9.30pm.
8.30 **Wild at Heart.** Following the loss of their funding, the residents are in dire financial straits. Danny and Ed are refused an extension on their mortgage, and an attempt to solve the family's problems backfires dramatically.
9.30 **Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.**
10.00 **That Sunday Night Show.** Adrian Chiles is joined by Des O'Connor, Denise Van Outen and Frank Skinner. Last in the series.
10.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
10.45 **Whitechapel.** Part one of two. A patient escapes from a psychiatric unit around the same time as a murder, and Chandler's quest to bring in a suspect jeopardises hisrelationship with Miles.
11.45 **Premiership Rugby Union.**
12.35 **The Zone. Interactive gaming;** ITV News Headlines.
2.35 **River Monsters.**

CHANNEL 4

6.05 **Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Helen Turner.**
6.10 **The Hoobs. 6.35 The Hoobs.**
7.00 **That Paralympic Show.**
7.30 **Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered.**
7.55 **Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Hannah Cockroft – Part Two.**
8.00 **T4: Hollyoaks. 10.35 The Big Bang Theory. 11.10 The Simpsons. 11.45 The Simpsons.**
12.20 **FILM: Alaska (1996).** Action adventure, with Thora Birch.
2.35 **FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks (2007).** Children's comedy.
4.20 **Deal or No Deal.** High-stakes game show.
5.20 **Time Team.** A dig at a stately home in Essex.
6.25 **Channel 4 News.**
6.55 **4thought.tv.**
7.00 **The Political Slot.**
7.05 **Home of the Future.** The Pereras experience hi-tech kitchen gadgets, including liquid nitrogen freezers that make ice-cream in seconds.
8.00 **War Horse: The Real Story.** An account of the million British horses put to work on the front line during the First World War, told using archive footage and testimonies from veterans.
9.00 **Homeland.** Conspiracy thriller, starring Claire Danes.
10.00 **FILM: Inglourious Basterds (2009).** Premiere. Tarantino's wartime adventure, with Brad Pitt and Christoph Waltz.
1.00 **FILM: The Machinist (2004).**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 City of Friends. 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) (T) 79511297 6.55 Igam Ogam. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.25 Family! 7.35 Make Way for Noddy. 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist:Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. 10.15 Grey's Anatomy. 11.15 Cowboy Builders.**
12.15 **FILM: D.A.R.Y.L (1985).** Sci-fi drama, with Mary Beth Hurt.
2.10 **FILM: Dragonslayer (1981).** Fantasy adventure.
4.15 **FILM: Gremlins 2: The New Batch (1990).** Comedy sequel.
6.10 **FILM: The Da Vinci Code (2006)**. Thriller.
8.55 **5 News.**
9.00 **Ultimate Police Interceptors.**
10.00 **FILM: The Exorcism of Emily Rose (2005).** A lawyer defends a priest charged with manslaughter after an ttempted exorcism of a student has fatal consequences. Horror, starring Tom Wilkinson.
12.15 **SI: Crime Scene Investigation.**
1.15 **SuperCasino.**

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Modern home done in traditional village style

THIS superbly stylish home in Granary End, Witchford, occupies a highly regarded village location on a popular residential development.

Modern and spacious, yet harnessing the spirit of a traditional village home, the property comes with a welcoming entrance hall, double-length living room with feature fireplace, a conservatory, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and ground-floor cloakroom, while four bedrooms, a bathroom and an en suite can be found to the first floor.

There is also an enclosed rear garden plus a garage and parking.

This property is on the market for £269,950. For further information contact David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.

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1/4 Acre Plot!!

This amazingly spacious detatched bungalow has a garden with a 1/4 acre plot, three/four bedrooms, a lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, double glazing, gas central heating, garage and parking for 4 cars.

Soham £295,000

DIAL THE OFFICE TO VIEW! Ref: 7641

Yours to Own!

This detached house which benefits from a kitchen/diner, garage, garden and three bedrooms.

Ely £228,995

VIEW THIS TODAY! Ref: 7626

Loving Home

This three bedroom semi-detatched property benefits from a garden and off road parking.

Sutton £115,000

MUST VIEW TODAY! Ref: 7669

Three Bed Bliss!

This three storey, 3 bedroom mid terrace town house, is in a popular location.

Soham £184,950

VIEWING TIME! Ref: 7667

Project?

In need of renovation and may lend itself as a building plot subject to planning permission.

Queen Adelaide £60,000

GET DIALING! Ref: 7590

Priced To Sell

This detatched family home has five bedrooms offering two reception rooms.

Littleport £225,000

MUST VIEW! Ref: 7163

Well Presented!

This detatched property offers four bedrooms and a double garage located on a corner plot.

Sutton £315,000

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 7627

Prime Location!

With some personal touches this bungalow will make a great family home having lots to offer.

Soham £127,500

PICK UP THE PHONE Ref: 7402

A Class!

This well presented and 'Freshwater' designed detatched property offers four bedrooms.

Little Downham £360,000

TIME TO VIEW! Ref: 4541

Delightful Living!

This end terrace house offers a a lounge/diner, 3 bedrooms and fully enclosed rear garden.

Soham £194,500

CALL THE OFFICE! Ref: 7664

Ideal Location

This property benefits from a kitchen/diner, conservatory, 3 bedrooms and a single garage.

Littleport £144,950

ADVISED TO VIEW Ref: 7582

Great Choice

This great starter home bungalow has one bedroom and an enclosed rear garden.

Soham OIEO: £95,000

DIAL AWAY NOW Ref: 7586

Great Area!

The property offers four bedrooms with en-suite, family bathroom, garage and garden.

Soham £250,000

ARRANGE A VIEWING Ref: 7577

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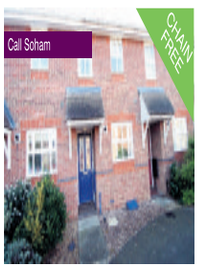
This bungalow offers a lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms and a brick built garage.

Southery OIEO: £215,000

DONT MISS OUT! Ref: 7303



Vibrant Terrace

The two bedroom mid terrace house has been updated with new carpets and neutral decor.

Soham Guide Price: £123,000 - £128,000

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Spacious!!

This well presented three bedroom house offers a newly fitted kitchen and conservatory.

Soham £149,950

VIEW VIEW VIEW!! Ref: 7632

In The Country!

This semi-detatched cottage offers a lounge, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms.

Prickwillow Guide Price: £140,000 - £144,000

VIEWING IS A MUST Ref: 7606

Five Star!

This lovely detached three storey house boasts a lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, five bedrooms, two en-suites, gas central heating and double glazing along with a garage and a spacious garden.

Soham £275,000

VIEW VIEW VIEW Ref: 7656

Expect The Best!

This detatched property offers a lounge, diner, kitchen, 4 bedrooms and a spacious garden.

Haddenham Guide Price: £335,000 - £345,000

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE Ref: 7559

Kerb Appeal

The accommodation is sizeable and ideal for a first time buyer with two bedrooms.

Soham £129,950

ARRANGE A VIEWING! Ref: 7663

What A Sight!

Semi detached bungalow offering, two bedrooms, single garage and rear garden.

Littleport £149,950- £154,950

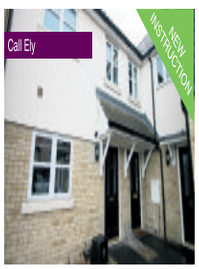
GOT TO VIEW Ref: 7300

Top Choice!

A stunning five bedroom three storey detached home with a double garage and parking.

Littleport £349,950

CALL THE OFFICE NOW! Ref: 7585



Popular!

With two bedrooms this spacious terrace house has an amazing lounge/diner.

Sutton £134,995

VIEW NOW! Ref: 7638

Enchanting

Impressive home with modern touches & period features, offering three bedrooms.

Littleport OIEO: £215,000

DIAL AWAY Ref: 7112

The Perfect Lifestyle

This detatched property boasts four bedrooms a conservatory, garage and extensive gardens.

Littleport Guide Price: £325,000 - £350,000

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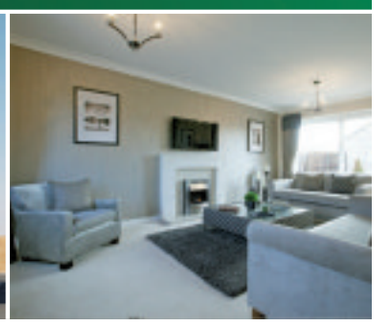

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Superb opportunity to acquire this four bedroom spacious detached house with ample parking, double garage,gardens and approximately 1 1/2 acres (sts) ideal for equestrian use. Call today to arrange your viewing.

NEW! £220,000

Wilburton

Viewing is advised for this three bedroom semi detached cottage with open fireplace, off road parking and rear gardens with two lawned areas, a fruit and vegetable garden and with views over fields to the rear.

NEW! £175,000

Queen Adelaide

This two bedroom semi detached house offers spacious accommodation, including lounge, dining room and kitchen. The property also has a single garage and ample off road parking. Early viewing is advised .

NEW! £125,000

Ely

Early and internal viewing is advised for this first floor two bedroom apartment situated within a sought after development. Call today to view.

NEW! £152,500

Soham

Early and internal viewing is advised for this three bedroom end of terrace house. This property has cart lodge parking and en-suite to master bedroom and is offered for sale chain free!

NEW! £49,995

Witchford

Early and internal viewing is strongly advised for this one bedroom detached park home. The property has refurbished shower room and kitchen, This has off road parking and is offered for sale chain free.

NEW! £115,000

Sutton

OPEN HOUSE - 17TH MARCH 2PM - 4PM. This three bedroom terraced house is an ideal purchase for any buyer looking to refurbish a property! The property has front and rear gardens, lounge, kitchen diner and utility area.

NEW! £210,000

Littleport

This detached three bedroom bungalow offers accommodation including, en-suite to master bedroom, utility room, separate dining room and conservatory. OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 12PM - 2PM

REDUCED £220,000

Ely

A superb opportunity to aquire this three bedroom terraced house situated within Ely. The property offers off road parking, study, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, utility room and workshop in garden. Call to view.

REDUCED £75,000

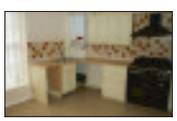
Witchford

This two bedroom detached parkhome is offered for sale with off road parking, landscaped gardens and is located within a well regarded development on Witchford. Call today to view.

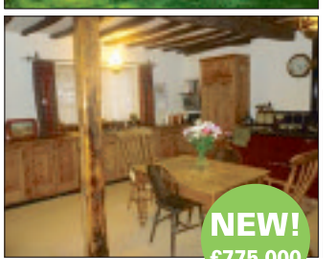
REDUCED £189,995

Soham

Viewing is advised for this three bedroom period property with lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs cloakroom and en-suite to master bedroom. The property also benefits from enclosed rear garden and outbuildings.



Essential viewing! This four bedroom detached period property has a wealth of character, including, Inglenook fireplaces, exposed beams, farmhouse kitchen and en-suite to master bedroom. The property is set within well maintained grounds with fruit and vegetable garden.



NEW! £775,000

Witchford

REDUCED £167,000

Sutton

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Soham £220,000

A superb four bedroom detached house with utility room, en-suite to master bedroom and front and rear gardens. Just move in! Call Ely office for further details.

Ely £300,000

An opportunity to acquire this four bedroom home, offering lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, utility, two en-suites, dressing room, double garage and off road parking.

WANTED!

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NEW

Ely **£495,000**
An imposing immaculately presented detached residence offering substantial accommodation and situated close to the City centre and schools with entrance hallway, kitchen/breakfast room, further kitchen area, utility, cloakroom, 3 receptions, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), double garage and gardens.

NEW

Sutton **£490,000**
A substantial period property offering versatile accommodation comprising entrance hall, 4 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, cellar, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom & attic room comprising bedroom/sitting area, together with driveway, single garage & extensive mature gardens. Situated in a superb elevated position.

NEW

Littleport **£159,950**
A superbly presented 3 bedroom semi detached house with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master bedroom with ensuite) and family bathroom, together with a single garage, driveway and gardens.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£300,000**
A modern detached bungalow in a highly regarded cul de sac close to the City Centre. Porch, hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, drive, gardens. No chain.

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Ely **Guide Price £300,000**

An imposing Edwardian semi detached residence close to the City Centre. Hall, 2 receptions, breakfast room, kitchen, rear lobby, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, drive, garage, gardens. Updating required. No chain.

Littleport **£139,950**

A modern semi detached home situated at the end of a cul de sac in a popular residential development. Hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage, gardens.

NEW PRICE

Littleport **£176,500**

Extended semi detached home with hall, lounge, refitted kitchen/diner, conservatory, utility, cloakroom, study/play room, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & gardens. Popular location. No chain.

NEW

Ely **£240,000**

An established 2/3 bedroom detached bungalow in a highly regarded central City location with driveway & private rear gardens. The bungalow requires modernisation, however, offers superb potential. No chain.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£299,950**

A superbly presented 4/5 bedroom detached home modernised & improved including a high specification kitchen and modern fitted bedroom furniture, landscaped gardens, garage and parking.

Littleport **£285,000**

A superbly presented extended detached family home situated in a non estate location. The property includes 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), gas central heating, double galzing, garage, extensive parking and gardens.

Haddenham **£299,950**

Situated close to the centre of this popular village, this family home offers versatile accommodation. Superb kitchen/family room, 3 receptions, gf cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, double garage, gardens.

Littleport **£235,950**

Deceptively spacious bungalow in a quiet lane close to the centre of the village. Hall, 2 receptions, spacious kitchen, breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, boot room, office, 3 double bedrooms, superb bathroom, driveway, gardens.

NEW PRICE

Sutton **£189,950**

An established detached bungalow situated close to the centre of this popular village. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, conservatory, double garage, parking and gardens.

Ely **£249,950**

A well presented extended semi-detached property in popular location backing onto farmland with driveway, front garden, superb 115' rear garden, UPVC double glazing & central heating.

Littleport **£195,000**

A deceptively spacious, extended detached cottage. Lounge, dining room, spacious study, modern kitchen, gf shower room, 3 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, attractive landscaped gardens in excess of 80'.

Sutton **£245,000**

An established detached family home offering versatile accommodation situated close to the centre of this popular village. Kitchen/family room, utility, lounge, gf bathroom, 4 ff bedrooms (2 ensuite), garage, parking, gardens.

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Littleport **£144,950**
A character semi detached cottage situated adjoining open countryside. Lounge with multi fuel burning stove, family/dining room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, parking and gardens.

Ely **£194,950**
An established detached home in a highly regarded residential location. Porch, hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & gardens. The property also benefits from no upward chain.

Ely **£94,950**
A 2 bedroom shared equity (76%) terraced home situated in a popular City location. Accommodation includes entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and parking.

Ely **£217,500**
An immaculately presented modern detached home on the edge of the development with hall, 2 receptions, conservatory, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, garage, enclosed garden.

Soham **£315,000**
A recently constructed chalet bungalow in a plot of approx 1 acre (sts) in a popular rural location. The property offers scope for those with an enquestrian interest & has a separate office building.

Little Downham **£235,000**
A spacious detached bungalow in a quiet residential lane close to the village centre. Porch, hall, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/dining room, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, drive, garage, attractive gardens. No upward chain.

Sutton **£209,950**
A spacious detached home conveniently situated for the village centre. Hall, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, rear lobby/sun room, gf WC, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, sep ff WC, drive, double garage, good size gardens.

Stuntney **£399,950**
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Welney **Offers Over £300,000**
An imposing comprehensively refurbished 4 double bedroom Victorian farmhouse offering substantial accommodation & a wealth of character features overlooking paddocks to the rear & range of outbuildings.

Ely **£475,000**
Situated in a superb city location this highly individual detached family home has an entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, family room, utility room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), double garage, parking, gardens.

Little Downham **£185,000**
A contemporary detached bungalow in a small residential development. Includes open plan lounge/dining room & kitchen, 2 dble bedrooms (1 ensuite), gardens, driveway & cartlodge. No upward chain.

Soham **£149,950**
A detached bungalow situated in a highly regarded residential location. Includes entrance hallwa, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, single garage, driveway parking and gardens.

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Soham **£129,950**

An extended 2 bedroom end terraced home with accommodation that includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, dining room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, parking and gardens.

Witchford **£215,000**

A modern detached home in a popular cul de sac. Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, office/play room, 3 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, mature gardens, driveway.

Soham **£168,950**

A comprehensively renovated detached cottage with no upward chain with lounge, dining area opening to refitted kitchen, cloakroom, 2 double bedrooms, superb refitted 4-piece bathroom, garden, driveway, garage.

Sutton **£179,950**

A well presented extended semi-detached property in a cul-de-sac location. Porch, lounge, spacious dining room, modern fitted kitchen, 4 bedrooms, refitted bathroom, gardens, driveway & garage.

Ely **£220,000**

An immaculately presented modern detached home. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, separate dining room, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, well maintained gardens, parking and garage

Ely **£319,950**

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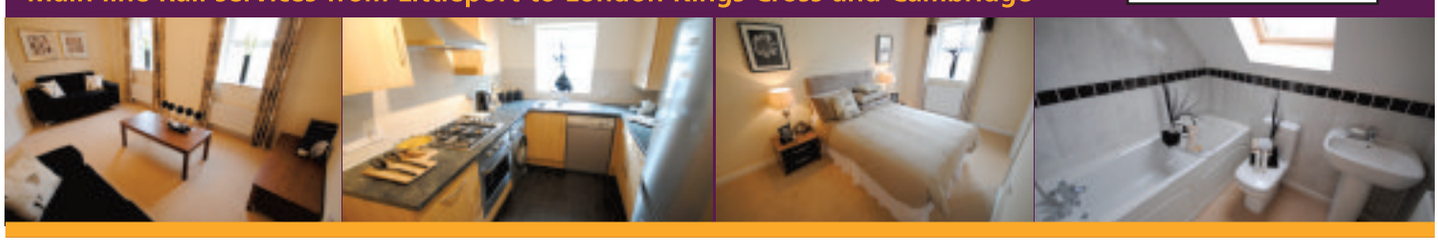

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ALLEN ROAD, ELY
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Very well presented modern detached house. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge with french doors to garden, kitchen/breakfast room with cooker, dishwasher and fridge, utility room, dining room, master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite, three further bedrooms and bathroom. Gas heating, double glazing, garden and garage. Available now.

CHELMER WAY, ELY
£1,095 pcm

Modern townhouse on this popular development to the north of the City. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, dining room and kitchen/breakfast room with integrated cooker and French doors to garden. Accommodation to the first floor comprises living room with feature fireplace and two bedrooms. Accommodation to the second floor comprises the master suite, bedroom two and family bathroom. Gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking.

CITY ROAD, LITTLEPORT
£1,100 pcm

Brand new detached house offering spacious family accommodation comprising entrance hall, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, study, dining room, lounge with feature fireplace, master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite shower room, bedroom two with ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms and a bathroom. Garden, garage and drive. Available now.

VICTORIA STREET, LITTLEPORT
£725 pcm

Double fronted semi detached house close to the town centre offering versatile accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, impressive kitchen/breakfast room, dining room/bedroom four, ground floor shower room, three first floor bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has gas heating, double glazing and garden to rear. Furnishings negotiable.

PEACOCK WAY, LITTLEPORT
£650 pcm

Newly refurbished semi detached house within walking distance of the rail station and town centre. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, kitchen, lounge with French doors to garden, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has gas central heating, enclosed garden, garage and driveway. Available now.

STATION ROAD, TEN MILE BANK
£650 pcm

Brand new semi detached house in a rural location. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, living room, three bedrooms (ensuite shower room to master bedroom) and a family bathroom. The property has oil central heating, garden to rear and double carport. Available now.

FOREHILL, ELY
£1,100 pcm

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QUAYSIDE, ELY
£625 pcm

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LYNN ROAD, ELY
£550 pcm

Modern semi detached three bedroom house with gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.

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£500 pcm

Well presented one bedroom second floor flat in City centre with Cathedral views. Single professional only. Water rates included.

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Modern one bedroom house in a cul-de-sac location close to the City centre with electric heating, two allocated car parking spaces and a small garden.

BUCKTHORN, ELY

Modern semi detached three bedroom house in a cul-de-sac location close to the City centre with gas heating, garden and off road parking.

VICTORIA STREET, LITTLEPORT

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NEW

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- Available 16/04/2012
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RESIDENTIAL SALES

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WILBURTON £369,950

A well presented five bedroom detached family home situated within the highly regarded village of Wilburton.

5 bedrooms, shower room, 2 en suites, lounge, dining room, family/TV room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory and dining area, oil fired central heating, double glazing, gardens and garage with ample parking.

SUTTON £374,950

This home is set on a good size plot with countryside views to the rear in one of this villages popular locations.

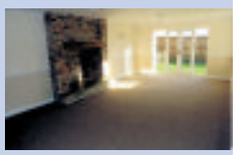
4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, study, dining room opening to the sitting room, kitchen, utility room, swimming pool, cellar, garage, off road parking and garden.

SOHAM

An unique and interesting extended home with a plot size of 0.25 acres STS, situated within the popular town of Soham close to local amenities.

5 bedrooms, en suite, wet room, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, family/garden room, dining room, studio apartment, office, double garage, driveway, off road parking and garden.

£500,000



STRETHAM

An individually designed detached house situated in an exclusive cul de sac within this highly sought after south Ely village.

6 bedrooms, en suite shower room, bathroom, shower room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, utility room, garage, off road parking and garden.

£459,950

SUTTON

A remarkable and unique detached family home offering deceptively spacious accommodation.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, dining area, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, calor gas heating, double glazing, garage, driveway and 4 acres of land (STS) with 3.5 acres having possible equestrian uses.

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NEW

LITTLEPORT

A beautifully presented detached family home situated in a quiet cul de sac location on the outskirts of this thriving village.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, conservatory, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage and off road parking.

£214,950

NEW

SOHAM

A terraced townhouse offering deceptively spacious accommodation over three floors with the added benefit of a double width driveway to the front.

3/4 bedrooms, bathroom, en suite, sitting room, dining area, kitchen, study/bedroom 4, driveway and gardens.

£169,950

NEW PRICE

WILBURTON

An immaculate and extremely well presented detached property situated within a prime location in this highly regarded village.

4 bedrooms, en suite, dressing area, bathroom, 3 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, conservatory, oil fired central heating, double glazing, garage, driveway and garden.

£349,995

NEW PRICE

SUTTON

An extended three double bedroom semi detached bungalow presented in good condition, situated in a set back location close to the village amenities and local schools.

3 double bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, storage heating, double glazing, garden and off road parking.

£138,950

NEW PRICE

ELY

A rare opportunity to acquire a detached family home situated in an exclusive location close to the A10 Cambridge road network and the City Centre.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, conservatory, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, garage, off road parking and garden.

£214,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A 1970's built detached family home offering great scope for further extension to the side (subject to planning) within walking distance of the village centre and local schools.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, shower cupboard, cloakroom, L-shaped lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, gas central heating, garage and off road parking.

£174,950

NEW

ELY

A stylish and well presented five double bedroom detached family home situated within close proximity to the Lantern Primary School and City of Ely College and in walking distance of the City Centre.

5 bedrooms, 3 en suites, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, dining room, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, garage, off road parking and garden.

£309,950

NEW

SUTTON

A well presented property ideal for first time or investment buyers situated within a central village location close to local amenities.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, off road parking and enclosed low maintenance rear garden.

£129,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

An investment opportunity to acquire a detached property split into four, two bedroom flats situated within the centre of the town and walking distance of the mainline railway station.

4 flats, communal entrance hall, all flats having, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge, parking, gas fuelled heating and double glazing.

£320,000

NEW PRICE

WITCHFORD

A modern three bedroom semi detached home offering no upward chain.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, en suite shower room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, gas central heating, garage, driveway and garden.

£174,950

NEW PRICE

ISLEHAM

A deceptively spacious and extended semi detached family home built in the 1950's offering outstanding views over open countryside to the front and rear.

5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study, family room, Shaker style kitchen, lounge with open fireplace, off road parking and gardens.

£229,950

NEW PRICE

WITCHFORD

An exceptionally well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow overlooking a small greenward area and enjoying a village location.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen, double glazing, oil central heating, garage and garden.

£144,950

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NEW

SUTTON

A detached bungalow conveniently located close to the centre of this thriving village and a short walk from the primary school.

3 bedrooms, loft room, bathroom, en suite bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, off road parking and garden.

£209,950

NEW PRICE

ELY

A stylish detached house situated in a highly sought after residential development close to the City Centre.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage, off road parking and garden.

£258,750

NEW

ELY

A recently refurbished terraced home offering good size accommodation on a set back large plot with a garage and situated in walking distance of the City Centre.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, good size rear garden, garage and off road parking.

£144,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A spacious first floor apartment convenient for local shops and the railway station offering an ideal investment opportunity.

2 double bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, gas central heating and covered car port.

£72,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A detached family home offering bright and spacious accommodation situated in a quiet cul de sac benefiting from views across open farmland towards Ely Cathedral.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, utility room, garage, off road parking and garden.

£194,950

NEW

ELY

An imposing townhouse situated in a highly sought after development within the catchment area for the Lantern Primary School.

4 bedrooms, Jack & Jill shower room, bathroom, cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen, reception/dining hall, utility room, garage and garden. No upward chain.

£249,950

NEW

ELY

A well presented mid terrace situated in a central quiet cul de sac location within the City of Ely just a short walk from the centre and mainline railway station.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, electric heating, double glazing, garden and allocated parking.

£164,950

NEW PRICE

WICKEN

A rare opportunity to purchase a semi detached cottage, in a quiet country lane, in the popular village of Wicken.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, study, downstairs wc, oil central heating, garage/workshop and garden. No upward chain.

£185,000

ELY

A well presented townhouse offering easy access to the A10 road links to Cambridge and London.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, en suite, cloakroom/utility room, lounge, kitchen/family room, double glazing, gas central heating, garage, off road parking and garden.

£234,950

NEW PRICE

SUTTON

A coach house style property an ideal first time buy or investment property situated in an established estate close to the village amenities.

1 bedroom, downstairs bathroom, open plan lounge/dining/kitchen, entrance lobby, electric heating and 2 parking spaces. No upward chain.

£89,950

NEW

ELY

An ideal opportunity for a first time or investment purchaser to acquire a well presented one bedroom ground floor apartment with allocated parking.

Double bedroom, bathroom, lounge, L-shaped fitted kitchen, communal entrance hall, double glazing, electric heating and allocated parking space. No upward chain.

£109,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A modern three bedroom detached house located in a central position within the village only a short walk to all local amenities.

3 bedrooms, shower room, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, gas central heating, off road parking, please not there is no rear garden with this property.

£167,950

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WILBURTON

A spacious detached 5 bedroom family home located in the village of Wilburton providing easy access to the A10.

Entrance hall leading to lounge, study, the kitchen/family room, doors to rear garden, utility room. Master bedroom with en suite and built in wardrobes, second bedroom with en suite, two further double bedrooms with built in wardrobes and one single bedroom. Family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden, double garage and parking. GCH. Part furnished.

£1,600 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A three storey, five bedroom property on a popular development in Littleport, just 4 miles from Ely and providing easy access to the rail station and A10.

The property offers kitchen/breakfast room, with built in gas hob/electric oven, fridge/freezer and dishwasher, utility room, downstairs w/c, lounge, BR1 with built in wardrobes and en-suite to first floor, BR2 with built in wardrobe, three further bedrooms and bathroom. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Car barn to rear. Unfurnished.

£1,250 PCM

SUTTON

A beautifully presented and deceptively spacious four bedroom family home in a quiet location in the Village of Sutton, just 6 miles West of Ely.

The property offering modern fullt fitted kitchen/breakfast room, three further reception rooms & conservatory, utility room and WC to the ground floor. The first floor comprises of four double bedrooms, master with ensuite and a family bathroom. GCH. Landscaped garden, garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£1,000 PCM

SUTTON

A spacious, neutrally decorated four bedroom detached family home in a quiet cul-de-sac location in the Village of Sutton, overlooking fields and providing easy access to the A10/A142.

The property comprises of three receptions rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, uitility room and WC to ground floor. Master bedroom with ensuite, three further double bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. GCH. Rear garden. Garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£900 PCM

WILBURTON

A well presented five bedroom detached family home situated within the highly regarded Village of Wilburton and providing easy access to both Cambridge and Ely.

The property offers spacious living accommodation including kitchen/conservatory/ dining area, lounge, dining room, family room, utility room and ground floor WC. Five bedrooms to the first floor, master and guest room with ensuites & a family bathroom. Oil central heating. Front & rear gardens. Garage & driveway. Unfurnished.

£1,450 PCM

WITCHFORD ROAD, ELY

A spacious four bedroom detached property in a great location to the West of Ely, providing great access to the A10 and the city centre.

The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs w/c, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen with pantry, utility cupboard, three double bedrooms, two with built-in wardrobes, one single bedroom and a family bathroom. Large garage and ample driveway parking. Enclosed rear landscaped garden. Unfurnished.

£1,200 PCM

CARDINALS WAY, ELY

A well presented three bedroom townhouse in a sought after city centre location, within walking distance to the rail station and providing easy access to the A10 and A142.

The property comprises of kitchen/diner with range cooker, separate dining room. Downstairs w/c. Lounge. Family bathroom with bath, WC and basin. Master and second bedroom with built in wardrobe and ensuite. Third bedroom with built-in wardrobe. GCH. Garden- Enclosed courtyard garden. Parking- garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£995 PCM

WITCHFORD

An impressive four bedroom detatched family home located in the popular village of Witchford.

The property is well presented throughout and offers three double bedrooms with en-suite to the master bedroom. A single fourth bedroom and family bathroom. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen with built in gas hob and double electric oven. Utility room. Rear enclosed garden. Parking - paved driveway and single garage. GCH. Unfurnished.

£900 PCM

NORFOLK ROAD, ELY

A spacious five bedroom detached property located to the south of the City Centre, giving excellent access to the A10 and within the catchment areas for St John's Primary School.

The property provides lounge with fireplace and patio doors, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, study downstairs cloakroom. Master bedroom with dressing area leading to en suite, four further bedrooms and a family bathroom. GCH. Enclosed rear garden with patio area. Double garage and drive. Unfurnished.

£1,250 PCM

COLLIER CLOSE, ELY

A recently redecorated modern four bedroom detached house located in a quiet street within the catchment area for St Johns Primary School.

Lounge and dining room, kitchen/breakfast room and a downstairs cloakroom. Bedroom 1 has built in wardrobes and an en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and the family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden, single garage and double car port. Unfurnished.

£1,000 PCM

STOUR GREEN, ELY

A three storey four bedroom townhouse in this sought after area in an excellent location for the Lantern Primary School and within walking distance to the city centre.

The property offers entrance hall, downstairs w/c, study, kitchen with built-in gas hob & electric oven, separate dining room. Lounge, master bedroom with en-suite and wardrobes, two further double bedrooms, a single bedroom and family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden laid to lawn with decking area. GCH. Garage and one parking space. Unfurnished.

£950 PCM

MERIVALE WAY, ELY

A well presented three bedroom end terrace townhouse located just off the popular Kings Avenue development in Ely.

The property comprises of kitchen with built-in electric oven and gas hob, utility room, dining room and shower room on the ground floor. Lounge and bedroom to first floor. Master bedroom with en-suite, second bedroom and family bathroom to second floor. Enclosed rear garden, GCH. Garage en-bloc. Unfurnished.

£875 PCM

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A delightful detached four bedroom property situated on this modern development in Littleport providing excellent access Ely and the A10.

The well presented property comprises of lounge, large kitchen/dining room with built-in oven and hob, two double bedrooms with en-suite to master and two single bedrooms, family bathroom. GCH. Good size garden laid to lawn. Double garage. Unfurnished.

£850 PCM

LYNTON DRIVE, ELY

A well presented three bedroom semi detached house providing good access to the City Centre, railway station and A10.

This property offers a lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory and ground floor WC. Upstairs are bedroom 1 with built in cupboard, two further bedrooms and the family bathroom with shower over bath, WC and basin. Enclosed rear garden and driveway parking. GCH. Unfurnished.

£725 PCM

SILVER STREET, ELY

A two bedroom period property, located in an excellent City Centre location and within walking distance to the river and rail station.

The property comprises of lounge, dining room with large understairs cupboard, kitchen with built in gas hob/electric oven, dishwasher, plumbing for washing machine and space for fridge, bathroom, two double bedrooms and attic storage room. Neutrally decorated throughout. GCH. Enclosed rear garden with shed. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

MERIVALE WAY, ELY

A modern two bedroom coach house situated in the popular Kings Avenue development to the North of Ely providing great access to the city centre and A10.

The property offers kitchen with cooker, washing machine and fridge/freezer, living room and dining area, two bedrooms, separate bathroom. Garage. GCH. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A four bedroom mid-terraced property on this popular development in Littleport offering great access to the A10.

The property comprises of lounge/diner, kitchen with appliances, w/c. Three bedrooms to the first floor, one with en-suite and built-in wardrobes, family bathroom. Master bedroom with en-suite and built-in wardrobes to second floor. GCH. Rear garden laid to lawn. Two parking spaces. Unfurnished.

£750 PCM

BOHEMOND STREET, ELY

A well presented two bedroom cottage in a quiet location, within walking distance of the city centre and providing easy access to the railway station.

This spacious property provides a lounge/diner with open fireplace, kitchen with built in electric hob/oven, space for fridge/freezer, utility area with plumbing for a washing machine. Ground floor bathroom. Upstairs are two bedrooms. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

WITCHFORD

A unique three bedroom property situated in this semi-rural location in Witchford, providing local amenities, great access to Ely and the A10.

The property is being newly decorated and comprises of two reception rooms, kitchen with cooker, utility room, three bedrooms, bathroom with bath and shower. Large garden laid to lawn. Large workshop/garage included. Electric heating. Septic tank drainage. Unfurnished. NB - Rent includes: Water rates and emptying of septic tank. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

KINGS AVENUE, ELY

A well presented two bedroom first floor flat on the popular Kings Avenue development, in an excellent location and providing easy access to the A10.

The property offers lounge, kitchen with built in electric hob/oven, fridge/freezer and plumbing for washing machine. Two bedrooms. Bathroom with shower over bath. Newly decorated throughout. Parking- one allocated space. Unfurnished.

£600 PCM

KINGS AVENUE, ELY

A modern three bedroom townhouse situated in this popular development to the North of Ely.

The property benefits from three double bedrooms, with en-suite to the master and a further family bathroom. Well presented kitchen with built in gas hob and electric oven, living/dining room and small rear lawned garden. GCH. Single garage and one off road parking space. Unfurnished.

£750 PCM

ST MARYS STREET, ELY

A four bedroom flat offering spacious accomodation within the centre of Ely.

The property comprises of lounge, dining area, kitchen with electric cooker. four bedrooms, attic studio, Bathroom - with over bath electric shower and separate toilet . Gas central heating. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

QUAYSIDE, ELY

A three bedroom apartment located next to the river providing easy access to the Station and the Town centre.

The property comprises of lounge with beamed ceiling, kitchen with cooker and space for fridge and washing machine, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Neutrally decorated throughout. GCH. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

HIGH STREET, ELY

A spacious one bedroom first floor flat located on the High Street within the City Centre and excellently located for the railway station.

The property offers kitchen/diner with electric hob and oven. Bathroom with over bath shower, wc and basin. Views of the Cathedral. Neutrally decorated throughout with GCH. Unfurnished.

£535 PCM

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SUTTON O/A £162,500

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LITTLEPORT O/A £220,000

A particularly spacious, well presented 4/5 bedroom deatched bungalow which lies close to amenities in this well served village location.

SOHAM O/A £134,950

A well proportioned three bedroom end of terrace property which lies in a convenient, near central position, within this popular well served small town.

LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £209,950

A spacious, three bedroom link-detached property which lies in an attractive cul de sac situation backing on to allotments.

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O/A £249,950

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A well proportioned four bedroom detached residence in a sought after end of cul de sac situation approximately one mile from the centre of Ely. Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study, Kitchen, Utility Room, En-Suite Dressing & Shower Room, Bathroom, Gardens, Planning Consent for Single Storey Extension.

Guide Price £289,950

ELY O/A £237,500

A superbly presented greatly improved four bedroom detached house which lies in a sought after position just over a mile from the City Centre.

LITTLE DOWNHAM

An opportunity to purchase a brand new attractive double fronted chalet style detached residence with adjacent driveway parking, nearing completion, which lies in a desirable elevated position in the centre of this sought after vilage location.

O/A £250,000

SUTTON O/A £119,950

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£580 pcm

Available End Of March - Unfurnished

SOHAM

A three bedroom semi detached house overlooking common land to the front and farmland to the rear, in this popular well served location. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/Diner, Living Room, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Gas C.H., Enclosed Rear Garden, Off Street Parking.

£695 pcm

WILBURTON

A purpose built first floor apartment which offers well planned living accommodation in a sought after village location. Ent. Hall, Living Room, Fully Fitted Kitchen, Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, Bedroom Two, Bathroom, D. G., Electric Heating, Gated Parking Area, 2 Reserved Parking Spaces.

£675 pcm

Available Beg. March - Unfurnished

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A five bedroom detached house offering well planned accommodation located just south of the City of Ely and giving easy access to the A10. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite and Dressing Area, Four further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas C.H., D. Garage, Rear Garden.

£1,250 pcm

Available Beg. March - Unfurnished

ELY

A very well maintained two bedroom mid terrace house located at the end of a cul de sac with view to Ely Cathedral. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Kitchen/Diner, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Gas C.H., Enclosed Rear Garden, Reserved Parking Space.

£695 pcm

Available Mid March - Unfurnished

ELY

An attractive modern end of terrace town house providing spacious accommodation, tucked away at the end of a small select cul de sac within easy distance of the City Centre. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/Dining Room, Lounge, Three Bedrooms, En-Suite, Bathroom, Gas C.H., Two Allocated Parking Spaces.

£825 pcm

Available Mid March - Unfurnished

HADDENHAM

A two bedroom mid terrace bungalow, offering double glazing, oil fired central heating and a garage situated in this popular village. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Kitchen, Enclosed Paved Rear Garden, Garage, Carport.

£525 pcm

Available Mid March - Unfurnished

WITCHFORD

A spacious modern five bedroom detached house situated in a small select cul de sac. Ent. Porch, Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room, Utility Room, Family/Dining Room, Conservatory, Study, Lounge, En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Double Garage & Parking, Good size rear Garden.

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Grade 2 coach house conversion. Central location. Kitchen with Range, lounge, 4 bedrooms - one with en-suite. Walled courtyard. Off street parking

ELY — £600 pcm

2 bedroom terrace house. Kitchen with breakfast area, lounge, conservatory. Bedroom 1 with built in wardrobes. Enclosed rear garden. Garage

SUTTON — £770 pcm

New 3 bedroom detached house. Kitchen with white goods, lounge, cloakroom, master bedroom with en suite, shower over bath. Garden. Parking. GCH

LITTLEPORT — £650 pcm

3 bedroom semi detached house.Kitchen, dining room, lounge, bedroom 1 with en suite, bathroom. Garden. Garage. GCH

ELY — £620 pcm

2 bedroom house in city centre. Kitchen, lounge with patio doors leading to enclosed rear garden. Shower over bath. Allocated parking

ELY — £650 pcm

3 bedroom semi detached house convenient for railway station. Kitchen, lounge, 3 bedrooms and family bathroom. Courtyard. Street parking

ELY — £700 pcm

3 bedroom period property. Kitchen, lounge, dining room, shower over bath. Small courtyard. No parking

ELY — £950 pcm

3/4 bedroom town house. Kitchen/diner, lounge, cloakroom, utility, en-suite serving 2 bedrooms. Enclosed rear garden. Garage. Parking. GCH

LITTLEPORT — £425 pcm

1 bedroom ground floor flat. Kitchen, lounge and bathroom. Electric heating. Small garden area. Parking

MANEA — £1,200 pcm

5 bedroom detached house. Kitchen/breakfast area, diner, lounge, study, family room, utility. 2 en suites. Enclosed rear garden. Double garage

HADDENHAM — £600 pcm

3 bedroom semi detached house. Kitchen, diner, lounge, cloakroom. Bathroom with bath & shower. Shared driveway to allocated parking and large rear garden

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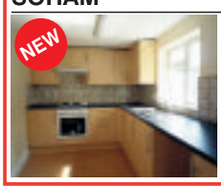

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Situated in a pleasant lane in this popular village this single storey dwelling comprises: entrance lobby, reception hall, living room, conservatory, dining room, cloakroom, utility room, kitchen/breakfast room, 5 bedrooms, en suite bathroom to master bedroom and family bathroom. Outside is a front parking area and driveway, garage/workshop and a good size delightful rear garden with feature pond and decked area.

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NEW PRICE

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- Some updating required
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LT DOWNHAM £385,000

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- Small cu-lde-sac location
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- Good size plot

ELY £204,950

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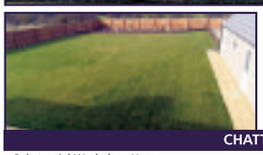

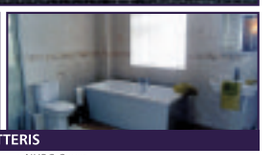

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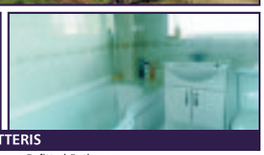

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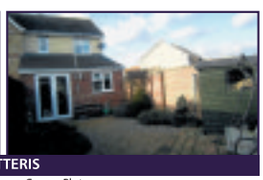

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Subaru thrills with details of new BRZ 2+2 coupe

DESIGNED to deliver powerful performance and thrilling handling, the UK-specification Subaru BRZ is set to add generous standard equipment to its already impressive arsenal.

Subaru's stunning new 2+2 coupe has already generated high levels of interest at dealerships, with many customers placing orders before pricing and standard equipment have been announced.

The Japanese brand has now revealed that top-specification models come with 17-inch alloy wheels, a torque-sensing LSD, front, side, curtain and knee airbags, MP3 connectivity, dual-zone climate control and LED daytime running lights. The driver-focussed BRZ will also come with Subaru's VDC (Vehicle Dynamic Control) and can be fitted with either a six-speed short-shift manual or paddle-operated automatic transmission.

A second, lower-spec model will also be made available a little later in the year, as will a third 'stripped-out' version, which promises to be the perfect solution for those who wish to tune and fettle the BRZ to their own tastes, as well as track-day enthusiasts.

The BRZ is available in six eye-catching colours all of which suit the car perfectly, including Subaru's trademark WR Blue Mica, Sterling Silver, Satin White, Crystal Black Silica, Dark Grey Metallic and San Remo Red.

The carefully conceived powertrain packaging allows Subaru's celebrated horizontally-opposed 196bhp 2.0-litre Boxer engine to be positioned lower than ever before. The 2+2 coupe has the lowest centre of gravity of almost any vehicle, with half the BRZ's mass sitting below knee height.

UK sales are expected to start this summer with a tag of under £30,000.

The Subaru BRZ: Driver-focused 2+2 coupe.

Driving test passes 'improving'

DRIVING test pass rates are improving, Government figures published last week showed.

The pass rate for the practical part of the test reached 47 per cent in the period April-December 2011.

This compared with 44 per cent in 2007/08 and 46 per cent in 2010/11.

A total of 437,038 tests were conducted across all test categories between October and December 2011 – 14 per cent more than in the same period of 2010 when severe weather kept test numbers down.

The Department for Transport said the number of tests being taken by women was higher than for men, "largely due to females having a lower pass rate than males, hence taking higher number of tests before passing".

It added that in most years the male pass rate for the practical part of the test was about 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent higher than the female pass rate.

But the department added that there was no difference in pass rates between males and females taking the practical motorcycle test.

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Toby triumphs to take the eye

■ ROWING: King's School, Ely student Toby Rudkin kept up his winning form at Boston in Lincolnshire when he stormed to victory by beating all other J16 scullers, crossing the line a clear 15 seconds ahead of the rest, who included top scullers from all over the country.
The competition will have highlighted Rudkin's potential, and if he continues to show this kind of form then representative honours could follow.
Conditions were tricky with a blustery cross-tailwind, but Rudkin proved once again he was up for the challenge.
He later teamed up with Jonti Vincent (Bedford) and they were the fastest J16 double and fourth overall including the J18 scullers.

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» Duathlon

They're off: Runners get under way in the Eastern Counties Finance Monster Racing Duathlon. CP

A Monster success at Witchford

THE Eastern Counties Finance Monster Racing Duathlon took place on Sunday at its new venue, Witchford Village College.
More than 130 athletes took part in the event that consisted of a 5km run followed by a 25km bike ride and then another 5km run.
The bike course was a fast and flat time-trial route, taking in the historic Lancaster Way site.
First across the line in the men's race was Julian Lings (Sheffield Triathlon Club) in a time of 1hr 12min 33sec.
Second was John Whitworth (1:13.57), with Steve McKeown third in 1:14.45.
The women's race was won by Lucy Gossage in an outstanding 1:19.41, ahead of Amy Forshaw, (Tri London) in 1:26.31.
Cash prizes were donated by Eastern Counties Finance and awarded to first and second place, with Zone 3 donating tri suits for third-placed athletes.
Age group winners: 17-24 – Jack Peasgood, (Walden Tri) 1:15.47 and Alice Sharp, (Cambridge Tri Club) 1:28.06. 25-34 – Gary Wilberforce (Ely Tri Club) 1:21.12 and Nicki Davis (Walden Tri) 1:30.06. 35-44 – Ian Turner, (Riverside Runners) 1:15.25 and Emily Woodfield 1:32.07. 45-54 – Jon Cowell, (Bike+Run/Leighton Buzzard Tri) 1:21.55 and Wendy Gooding (PACTRAC) 1:34.13. 55+: Chris Arnold (Tri-Anglia) 1:30.25 and Gillian Holmes (Thorney RC (2:10.26).
Athletes took part from the Ely Tri Club and Ely Runners, achieving good results across the board.
Leighton Barker was just behind age group winner Wilberforce, carrying the flag for the rest of his Ely Tri Club team, finishing 26th overall in 1:25.52, ahead of Jay Woods, 31st in 1:28.12, with David Green 50th (1:32.42), Giles Thurston 66th (1:37.14); Sandie Jardine 106th (2:03.38); Laura Marshall-Colling 112th (2:16.09).
Ely Runners taking part were Tony Kirby-Cook, 61st in 1:36.31 and Samantha Collins-Shirley, 104th in 2:02.00
Monster Racing spokesman said: "It was good to see some first timers of all ages and abilities taking part. It makes you feel very humble and also proud that they are enjoying being part of the day alongside elite athletes."
Monster Racing are holding their main event of the year, the ECF Monster Middle on August 19 at the King's School, Ely's Amherst Field. It includes the 1.9km point-to-point river swim, a 93km bike and a 21k run.
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» Youth football round-up

Haddenham bounce back to keep winning run on course

HADDENHAM Rovers made it four wins in a row to move up to fourth place in Division 13A of the Cambridge & District Colts League with a 3-1 win over struggling Milton.
Having been out of action for four weeks, Haddenham went behind two minutes before the break, but they hit back in the second half with goals from Ollie Johnson, Ben Lymer and Josh Lowe.
■ Also in Division 13A, Littleport Town made it 10 wins in as many matches to return to the top of the league with a 4-0 victory away at St Ives Rangers Black Sox.
Tatum Cartner made it 1-0 before half time and added a second after the break. Two strikes from Luke Mansfield, including a penalty, finished the job.
■ Littleport Rangers beat Sutton Rangers 7-2 in Division 10C of the Cambs Mini League with strikes from Finley Harley (3), Adam Tucker (2), Harvey Mosedale and an own goal. Leo Ekwuru replied twice for Sutton.
■ Witchford White were unlucky to go out of the Cambs Mini League U10 Knockout Cup after being beaten 7-6 on penalties by Teversham.
The game finished 1-1, with both goals coming in the first half, Jamie Baxter putting Witchford ahead. Despite Witchford pressing hard for a winner, the game was decided on penalties, and, despite, some heroics by Alfie Hillier, they were beaten in the shoot-out.
■ Witchford took an early two-goal lead in their Cambs Mini League, Division 9C match through a Littleport Rangers' own goal and a Ward strike.
Goals by Elliot Ritchie, Jack Berriman and Joe Cowell then put Rangers 3-2 up. Ward produced another fine finish to level the match, but Berriman's second won it for Rangers.

» Netball

Petherick leads by example

CITY of Ely II showed a lot more strength and momentum in their county league, Division One re-match against Hawks.
They moved the ball more confidently and created chances for their shooting pair, Katie Child and Kathryn Sudbury.
Hawks, currently second in the division, were in control, but definitely worried by a period of positive play by City when Ellie Travers and Nicola Slack combined in centre court to drive the attack.
While the final score was 51-33 to Hawks, City played good netball, with captain Olivia Petherick turning in a player-of-the-match display.

» Hockey

City take points to go clear at top

Ely City 5 Harleston Magpies III 1
EAST MEN'S LEAGUE, DIVISION 2N

ELY went into the match level on points at the top of the table with Magpies, but came out the other side three points clear after a magnificent display of hockey.

The hosts took control of the game from the off and took the lead when Dan Jolly set up Rob Radcliffe for a simple tap-in.

Skipper Stu Clarke then finished with pinpoint accuracy. to make it 2-0.

The pressure continued from Ely, with Chris Purllant rifling the ball past Magpies' keeper.

With the score at 3-0, Ely looked to relax a little and let the pace drop off, allowing Magpies to hit back from a short-corner move.

At half time, Ely resolved to start the second period as they had the first and they soon regained control of the game.

It fell to third-team regular Tomas Rutlington to show why he is an emerging talent for the future as he threaded the ball through to winger Jack Upton, who tapped in at the post to put Ely 4-1 up.

Ely's leading goalscorer Chris Vincett was unlucky not to score as his powerful shot bounced off the post.

However, he was not going to miss the opportunity to add his name to the scoresheet, and, as Ely won a short corner, he stepped up from the top of the D and drag-flicked into the corner of the goal to make the final score 5-1.

Ely will be looking to continue their winning form on Saturday against Gorleston.

» Table tennis

On-song Audus and Everitt see Soham to victory

JON Audus produced his best table tennis of the season to record a maximum for Soham against Fulbourn in Division One of the Ely & District League.
Tony Everitt added a further three games to clinch Soham's 6-4 victory.
Kevin Gray and Alan Chambers scored three wins each in Soham Comrades' 6-4 win over Gazeley.
Fulbourn II faced the might of Elsworth and suffered at the hands of Roger Fensom, who breezed through his three singles and master-minded the doubles with Owen Davies. Fulbourn juniors Max Schwiening and Harris Ryder both proved a handful for Davies and for Bill Knibbs as the match ended in a draw.
Division Two action saw Ellesmere thrash Elsworth II by 9-1. Stuart Humphrey played well to beat Rob Boyce but other than that, Boyce and his colleagues Rhys Davies and Aldo Galea swept the board to push Ellesmere to mid-table safety and Elsworth firmly to the relegation zone.
Injuries and illness forced Impington to travel to fellow promotion-chasers Haddenham II with just two players, and they went down 7-3.
Three wins from Clare Macrae, one from Anne Chambers and then the doubles was enough for St George's to draw at Soham Comrades III. Two each from Mark Sulman and Peter Diver plus one from Mick Foreman provided the Comrades' victories.
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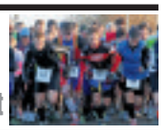

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» **Football:** Round-up of the latest news from Julius Martin Lane and the Unwin Ground

Greens slip to narrow defeat

Redbridge 3
Soham Town Rangers 2
RYMAN LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE NORTH

SOHAM were unable to repeat the home victory against Redbridge as they narrowly lost on Saturday to a side that reached the FA Cup, second round earlier in the season.

Coming into the game on the back of three heavy defeats, the Greens brought Scott Davis and Denny Escorcio back into the starting line-up in place of Scott Carter, who dropped to the bench, and the unavailable Paul Jones.

After Wyllie and Ellul had gone close early on, Redbridge opened the scoring in the eighth minute when Mitchell Das held off a challenge from Simon Flanz down the right to lift the ball over keeper Dan Bircham.

Its was the third game in a row that Soham had conceded the opening goal in the eighth minute.

Shortly after this, Bircham made a fine save to keep out Durrant's free kick, while Wyllie poked wide with another effort.

The Greens equalised with their first real attack in the 15th minute when Andy Coleman reacted quickest to convert from close range after Wright had palmed away Michael Simpson's header from Dan Cotton's free kick – the assistant manager's only other goal of the season came in the reverse fixture, which Soham won 1-0 before Christmas.

However, eight minutes later the hosts regained their lead when Ellul back-headed Sendall's long throw past Bircham at the back post.

Soham then had a number of opportunities to equalise, but David Cobb placed narrowly wide of the near post before player-manager Andy Furnell fired behind and Cotton forced Wright into a low save to his right. However, the half ended with home attacks as Bircham made a double save to keep out Wyllie and Das, then Durrant moments later, all from close range.

Mixed fortunes: Dubi Ogbonna, who scored a goal and had another disallowed for offside against a team-mate.

Chances were limited at either end in the opening stages of the second half as John-Paul Duncliffe and Das put wide from distance following partly cleared balls into the area at either end.

Both sides made their first changes on the hour, with Carter and Dubi Ogbonna coming on for Escorcio and Furnell.

Cotton forced Wright into the first real save of the half midway through, while Simpson cleared Joe Gardner's goalbound strike with a diving header, before the hosts increased their lead in the 72nd minute when Ellul headed home his second of the game from a Durrant corner.

Redbridge brought on Wade and Robinson, before Soham introduced Andy Harrison for Flanz, as the Greens pushed more men forward, and with a bit of luck could have got something from the game.

With five minutes remaining, Ogbonna thought he had reduced the deficit when he followed up on Cobb's saved shot, but Simpson was adjudged to be marginally offside.

Three minutes later, the substitute did get his name on the scoresheet when he headed home after Carter had flicked on Cobb's corner.

As the game entered stoppage time, the Greens had a strong appeal for a penalty for handball turned down, but they could not find a leveller.

■ Saturday's defeat followed on from a 5-2 defeat at Waltham Abbey on Tuesday last week. Furnell and Cotton bagged the Greens' goals to make it 2-2 at half time.

■ The Greens have a busy and crucial week of league action coming up, starting on Saturday when they are due to welcome a Grays Athletic side who are currently lying fifth to Julius Martin Lane, kick off 3pm.

Then, on Tuesday, Soham face another tough task when they have a match at sixth-placed Tilbury.

■ Soham booked their place in the final of the Cambridgeshire Invitation Cup with a 2-0 win over Wisbech on Tuesday night. Dubi Ogbonna netted in the first half and Scott Carter doubled the lead after the break.

Strike two: Luke Parkinson, who bagged Ely's second.

Robins win 'ugly' after Wilson's red

Walsham le Willows 0
Ely City 2
RIDGEONS LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION

A HARD-WORKING performance in difficult conditions helped 10-man Ely maintain their title challenge at Walsham-le-Willows on Saturday.

City struggled to impose themselves in the first half, but managed to create a few chances.

And, in the 35th minute, Richard Gammon broke the deadlock with a neat finish.

However, Dave Wilson was harshly sent off for picking up two yellow cards midway through the second half.

The decision spurred on Ely and they grabbed a second goal 10 minutes from time when Luke Parkinson volleyed in from 20 yards.

"It was a scrappy, ugly, horrible game," said Ely boss Alan Alsop, "but it was a good three points and sometimes you have to win ugly."

The Robins will be looking to keep up the good work on Saturday when they are scheduled to entertain a Great Yarmouth Town side who are currently rock bottom of the table. Kick-off at the Unwin Ground is at 3pm.

A busy week for Alsop's team continues on Wednesday with a local derby clash at Newmarket Town, another side who are currently firmly entrenched in the lower reaches of the table.

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